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Dust... Spectrum charts the rise and fall of Biba, symbol of the Swinging Sixties. A three-part series... to dust The dead have more security than the living. Gillian Tindall reports

Aiming... Christopher Thomas looks at the Mondale bid for the Democratic nomination... high MODERN TIMES meets the people with shares in the high life... and higher In the first of a series in Career Horizons, Edward Fennell advises on higher education for those with disappointing A levels

The war... CND is not the only threat to Nato. Philip Towle explains... of the worlds Full reports on the closing day of the World Athletics Championships

Hospital watch on Gormley

Doctors at Charing Cross Hospital, London, should know today whether yesterday's operation on Lord Gormley, the former miners' union president, to remove an obstruction in a narrowed blood vessel in the neck, has succeeded.

Zia deadline

President Zia-ul-Haq of Pakistan plans constitutional changes strengthening the role of the President and ending martial law after elections to be held by March 23, 1985

TV-am ahead

TV-am has overtaken the BBC, according to breakfast television audience figures for last week, which gave it 1.5m viewers to the BBC's 1.2m.

New tap stock

The Bank of England launched an \$800m tap stock against a background of firmer gilt prices and optimism over the US money supply. Sterling gained 35 points to \$1.4835 against the dollar

Israeli crisis

The Israeli Cabinet met army chiefs yesterday to discuss plans for sweeping defence cuts in a move to resolve the economic crisis in the country

16 die in Chile

Sixteen people were killed, 100 wounded and 700 arrested during the day of protest called by the Chilean opposition against President Pinochet's regime

Killer dies

Alexander Sinclair, the international drug smuggler sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of a gang colleague in the "handless corpse" case died in jail

No to dual-key

Chancellor Kohl has rejected suggestions of a West German veto right over the firing of US nuclear missiles, which are due to be sited in the country.

Test hero

Nick Cook, a last-minute selection, took four New Zealand wickets for 28 runs in the Third Test. Former England captain Mike Brearley is almost certain to come out of retirement to play for Middlesex today

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BL infiltrators' 'battle plan' nearly succeeded

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

Infiltration "must be seen as a clear priority for the organization", it adds. Comrades are told what kind of job background they have to claim in order to be able to give an address in Oxford. If references were to be offered from outside Oxford, members would need "a cover story to explain why they are now in Oxford or seeking to move". Members reluctant to move from other parts of Britain are reminded that the Cowley jobs are well-paid. The document calls for a large number of comrades to assemble on the day recruiting begins and to sign on as unemployed at the Oxford Job-Centre. If they were short of funds, branches would "have to allocate the necessary resources". Comrades already working at Cowley would be on hand to help prepare newcomers for recruitment interviews. Women comrades in particular are urged to turn up because BL was worried, the document says, about discriminatory recruitment allegations and was asking existing workers if women in their family wanted jobs. An Oxford telephone number is provided, together with an address, 26 Bullingdon Road. There was no sign of the man believed to be the regional secretary of the Socialist League at the small terraced house in Bullingdon Road yesterday. A lodger said that he had decided to go away for the weekend visiting family members outside Oxfordshire.

Libya bombs retreating Chad forces

Ndjamena (AFP, AP, Reuters) - The Libyan Air Force yesterday attacked the village of Koro-Toro in which Chadian forces retreated after evacuating the northern town of Faya-Largeau on Wednesday.

Coach speed limit cuts proposed

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

The Government is considering a reduction in the 70 mph motorway speed limit for coaches after several recent serious crashes, and has proposed that the speed limit for lorries on dual carriageways be increased from 40 mph to 50 mph. Coach operators reacted sharply last night after Mrs Lynda Chalker, Under Secretary of State for Transport, said that in view of public concern about the coach limit she was prepared to consider evidence from interested organizations that it might be too high. Mrs Chalker will decide in the autumn whether legislation is needed after receiving the results of a study being carried out by Department of Transport officials on coach speeds. Staff are conducting a monitoring exercise on motorways all over Britain, noting the speeds at which coaches are travelling and the lanes they are using. The department has acted in response to representations from the public and MPs after the accidents, but it acknowledges that a reduction in the limit could have far-reaching consequences for coach companies, including re-timetableing on most routes. The Bus and Coach Council, which represents 98 per cent of United Kingdom bus operators and two-thirds of the coach operators, in a strong response last night, said that barely 1 per cent of all motorway accidents involved coaches. Mr Denis Quin, the director-general, said that not one of the recent accidents had been attributable to coaches speeding. He said: "Coaches limited to 60mph would be a nuisance but to restrict coaches to the near two lanes is likely to increase accidents rather than improve safety." The congestion in those two lanes was already serious on many routes; some heavy goods vehicles were scheduled to average speeds as low as 35 to 45mph while few, if any, fully loaded lorries could maintain 60mph, he said. Mr Robert Brook, chief executive of the state-owned National Bus Company, which runs the 1,500-coach National Express fleet, Britain's largest, welcomed the Government's proposal. Continued on page 2, col 5

Warder 'drove Gelli out of jail'

From Our Correspondent, Geneva

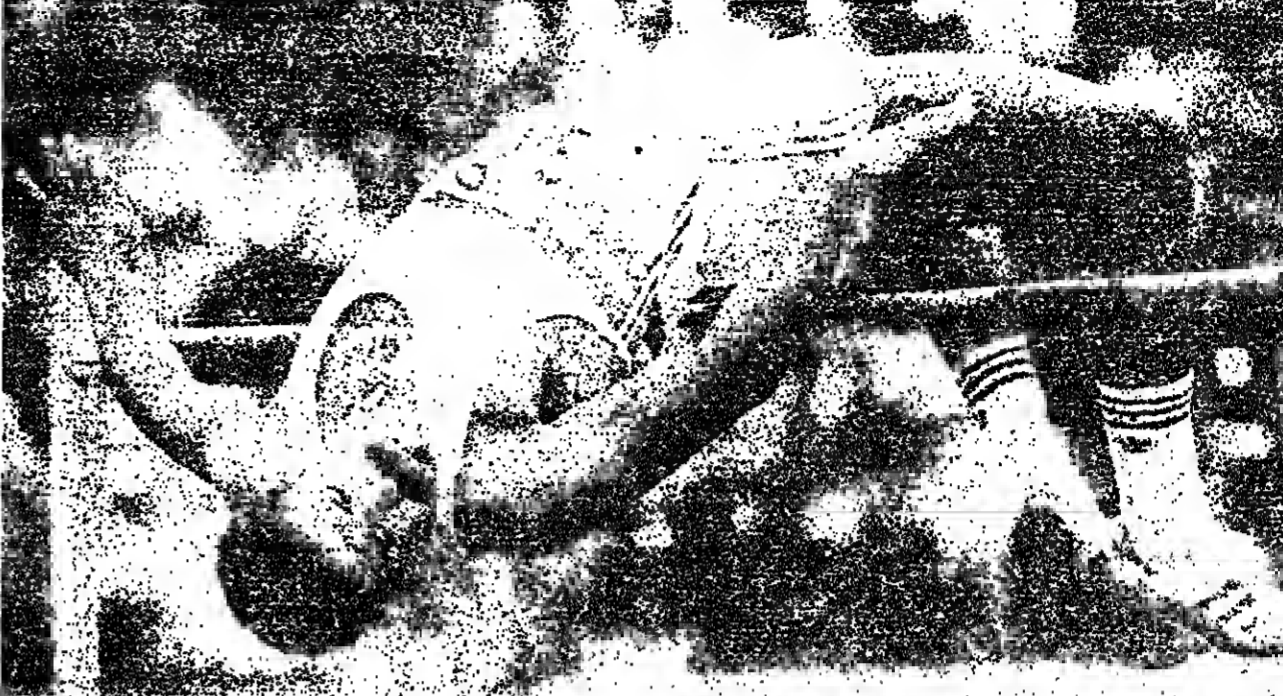
Gelli's cell, he had earlier given more than one assurance to the prison security centre that the former banker and head of the banned Italian P2 lodge was still asleep in his bed - when, in fact, he was already concealed in the van. Announcing the arrest of the warder yesterday, Mr Jean-Pierre Trembley, the judge investigating the banker's escape, said that Signor Gelli's disappearance was discovered by the prison day shift shortly after 7 am.

Micro mites make a computer killing

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

A college, a bank and a nuclear weapons laboratory have been raided by a team of young but knowledgeable home-computer buffs. What they stole was information - not of it classified but presumably some of it very personal. Such was the alarm about national security that the FBI was brought in to find out how 12 people, aged 15 to 21, achieved the very thing portrayed in the film "War Games". In that fictional story a teenager uses a home computer to break into the information data of a defence computer controlling nuclear weapons. In the non-fictional story the home computer was used to break onto computers at a dozen locations, unhindered by any sophisticated defence mechanisms. The computer buffs were working at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in Milwaukee, operated by the University of California for the Department of Energy. Mrs Barbara Malkin, a laboratory official, said no information was "compromised" - doubtless a euphemism for saying it was not disturbed. No classified information was acquired, she insisted. "There are elements of the security system that watch for unusual activity. They are built-in elements," she said, explaining how the raiders were caught. The raiders had acquired records, messages and routine reports. The Milwaukee Journal tracked down one of the team members, who said the raiders had no difficulty breaking into a dozen computers. "There's no security," he said. "It didn't take too much intelligence." Their computer was connected to Telenet, a computer communications network, and the group used Telenet tele-

Thompson stays one jump ahead of the field



Daley Thompson (above) was able to profit from an error of judgment in the high jump by his most fancied opponent in the decathlon at the world athletics championships in Helsinki yesterday. The first day of the decathlon ended with five events completed and Thompson 120 points ahead of the field - six points better than his position at the end of the first day in Athens last year, when he set a world record in winning the event at the European Championships. Jurgen Hingssen, who bettered Thompson's world record two months ago, decided not to attempt the high jump with the bar at 2.03 metres, but failed in his three attempts at 2.06 metres, which left Thompson with a 2.03 metres clearance and a 25-point advantage. Colin Reitz won Britain's first individual medal of the championships, taking the bronze in the 3,000 metres steeplechase. He was in fourth place at the final barrier, but Marsh of the United States fell when taking it, letting Reitz in. "I'm not going to say I'm sorry," Reitz said afterwards. Report and results, page 15

TUC talks with Tebbit next week

By Paul Roulledge, Labour Editor

The TUC has quietly dropped its 18-month boycott of contact with Mr Norman Tebbit, the Secretary of State for Employment, in a move expected to infuriate hard-left critics of the Labour movement's "new mood of realism". A full fortnight before the annual Trades Union Congress debates whether to ban discussions with the Minister on labour law reform, union leaders will see Mr Tebbit on two successive days next week. On the agenda for the first discussions between the TUC and the Employment Secretary since January, 1982 are the operation of the Government's Youth Training Scheme and its proposals to repeal the nineteenth-century Truck Acts as a step towards "the cashless society". The talks with Mr Tebbit next Thursday and Friday are regarded as a breakthrough by his advisers, who see these discussions as a step towards accepting his plans for greater internal union democracy through the introduction of secret ballots before strikes and for elections to high office in the labour movement. A much more guarded view is taken by the TUC where it is argued that the boycott only related to Mr Tebbit's union law proposals and did not rule out contacts on issues where the unions feel they may have some influence on Government policy. It is 18 months since the unions officially put in an appearance at Caxton House, the Westminster headquarters of the Employment Department, and the initiative for next week's meetings came from the TUC. The Minister is likely to be unresponsive to the unions' proposal that the weekly allowance payable to young people on YTS schemes should be raised in line with inflation from £25 to £26.50.

Inflation rate rises as output slips

By Jonathan Davis, Financial Correspondent

The rate of inflation has started to rise again and industrial activity has fallen unexpectedly, denting some of the recent optimism in Government and industry about the incipient economic recovery in Britain. Official statistics published yesterday show that prices rose by half a percentage point, in July, pushing the annual rate of inflation up from 3.7 per cent to 4.2 per cent, the first increase since February. A rise of this order had been widely expected, and government officials emphasized that they were figures in line with the Treasury's official forecast that inflation will rise slowly to between 5 and 6 per cent by the end of the year. Industrial production fell in June, according to provisional figures, at a time when most economists were expecting further consolidation of the recent clear signs of continued economic recovery. The index of industrial production fell from 104.5 to 102.7, its lowest level since last November. Both the Treasury and the Confederation of British Industry described the figures as disappointing. The fall in production confirms that the recovery is patchy, although officials point out that industrial production in the second quarter as a whole is still 2 per cent higher than in the same period last year. The breakdown of the figures shows that manufacturing output which accounts for roughly two-thirds of the industrial production index remained static between the first and second quarters. While output of chemicals, metals and textiles rose, the engineering, steel and food and drink sectors all registered declines. The CBI said that the figures, while disappointing, provided evidence that the underlying trend in production was upwards, in line with its surveys. It expected output levels to continue to rise slowly. The July price increases were almost entirely attributable to the 1½ per cent increase in mortgage rates and higher petrol prices which accounted for 0.45 per cent of the increase. Some food prices also fell but by less than usual at this time of year. The Government's other inflation measure, the tax and price index, which measures how much earnings must rise to maintain living standards, is still running below the retail price index. Mr Robert Sheldon, a Labour Treasury spokesman, described the figures as "an electoral scandal". Pensioners would have their pensions raised in November by only 3.7 per cent, the annual inflation rate in May this year, when prices would clearly be higher in the autumn. Although the rise in the inflation rate was expected after falling to its lowest level for 15 years in May, ministers and officials are still confident that it can be held below 6 per cent by the year-end. Owen warning, page 2

Lord Wigg dies aged 82

Lord Wigg, former Paymaster General and chairman of the Horserace Betting Levy Board, has died in London after a long illness. He was 82.

Lord Wigg was the Labour peer who broke the Profumo scandal to the world in 1963, rocking the Conservative Government of the time. It was announced yesterday that he died peacefully on Thursday after suffering for the last five years from the little known disease myasthenia gravis which attacks all the muscles of the body. He leaves a widow and three daughters. It was only in his sixties that Lord Wigg began to emerge as a major figure in the Labour Party. Perhaps more than anyone else, he secured Harold Wilson's election as leader of the Labour Party in February 1963. In the same year he was tipped off about the association of John Profumo, then Secretary of State for War in the Macmillan Government, with Miss Christine Keeler. In October 1964, he became Paymaster General and chief political adviser when the Labour Party swept to victory under Mr Wilson and developed a reputation as the Prime Minister's tireless "chief bloodhound". Lord Wigg resigned from the Government on his appointment in 1967 to the chairmanship of the Horserace Betting Levy Board. He was noted as a man with a passion for the turf. Obituary, page 8

Lawson set to face dole cut revolt

By Our Political Reporter

Treasury ministers still appear ready to face a confrontation with Conservative backbenchers over a possible cut in the real value of unemployment benefit. Suggestions that the Government is unlikely to press forward with consideration of the issue because the savings involved would be trivial were denied by Treasury sources yesterday. It was pointed out that in mooted the possibility of a cut the main concern of Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, had not been to make admittedly small savings. He had in mind the "disincentive" of a high rate of unemployment benefit, and the view that some people were making a deliberate calculation that they were better off on the dole. Mr Lawson said last month that it was not possible to give a guarantee on any particular uprating of unemployment benefits. He said: "There can be no doubt whatever that at the margin there are people, even in present circumstances, who take a rational decision that it is not worth their while taking a job at the sort of pay at which jobs would be on offer."

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BELL'S Scotland's Number One Quality Scotch Whisky. An advertisement for Bell's Scotch Whisky featuring a bottle of the product.

Winter package holidays price war signalled by reprinted brochures

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

A new package holiday price war was signalled yesterday as Thomson Holidays and Birmingham-based Horizon both brought out reprinted brochures of winter sun holidays abroad, with prices cut by between 7 and 8 per cent on average. The price war could also extend to skiing holidays. Inghams, the Hotelplan subsidiary which is among the top three skiing specialists, has cut prices of a quarter of its holidays by up to 30 per cent. Other tour operators with winter sun programmes which appeal more on keener pricing policies than the quality image underpinning Thomson and Horizon made no immediate response yesterday to the two market leaders. At Intersun, one of the top three operators, it was argued that its existing prices would still remain competitive. But companies like Intasun could find themselves under increased pressure, possibly forcing them into making at least selective

special offers a little later in the booking season. This summer Thomson reprinted its brochures with lower prices and seized considerable extra sales, largely at the expense of Horizon. Now Horizon has adopted Thomson's strategy of lower prices to gain from a higher volume of sales. It seems likely that Thomson and Horizon together will snatch sales from companies like Intasun. Horizon is cutting prices of 160,000 winter sun holidays which is 80 per cent of the total it has on offer. The strength of sterling against the tourist currencies had allowed the cuts to be made, Horizon said. With the big fall of the peseta against sterling, the best bargains are in Spanish resorts with cuts averaging 10 per cent, the company said. But holidays are also cheaper in Italy, Portugal, Morocco and Greece. One 14-night holiday in the Canaries is being cut by £54

from the old brochure price of £113. A 134 Spanish holiday is reduced by £14. Thomson has cut prices on 330,000 holidays, three quarters of those it has on offer. There is an average reduction of £15. Both Thomson and Horizon are passing on the benefit of the lower brochure prices to anybody who has already booked a holiday. The skiing holidays move by Inghams's pricing in resorts and hotels where it is competing against other key operators which have pitched their prices lower. The biggest cut, of a quarter, is £188 off a 14-night holiday by air in Austria's Mayrhofen resort, bringing the cost in February to £337. The initial reaction of other ski-tour operators was that Inghams was largely moving to line with market prices. But many Inghams prices are claimed to undercut the opposition - so discounting could spread.

The Glorious Twelfth

Order returns in the great grouse race

By Stephen Goodwin

The social pecking order was reestablished yesterday when those who can afford £19.50 for lunch were able to eat fresh shot grouse in London's Park Lane, while lorry drivers who had hoped to sample haute cuisine at a transport cafe on the A1 had to do without. Mrs "Tubby" Clark of the Caft Blue near Biggleswade, Bedfordshire, believes she was the first to serve grouse in the South last year, outpacing the West End hotels. Yesterday was not so glorious; by lunchtime she had bagged a good 12 brace of ladies and gentlemen from the press, but not a grouse was to be had. "It's such a shame", she said. However drivers who had hoped to have grouse, chips, baked beans and bread and butter followed by pudding and a mug of tea for £1.50, hardly turned their noses up at Mrs Clark's substitute, fresh Scotch salmon at the same price. The regrettable absence of the Red Grouse was explained by Mr Edwin Cheeseman, manager of the Park Hotel in Bedford, who planned the operation. "They just have not shot anything", he said of the guns he was depending on, combing moors south of Edinburgh. Mrs Clark never really stood a chance against the motor-cycles, helicopters, light aircraft and, in one case, Aston Martin's turbo-charged Tickford Capri used to rush the birds from Scotland to the West End. Mrs Clark's two and a half brace travelled part of their journey by British Rail and arrived in time to be served for tea. It was the first public appearance of Aston Martin's new 145mph car, which carried

Miss Scotland, Isobel McPheeters, from Heathrow to the Grosvenor Hotel, bird in hand. Late breakfasters at the Inn on the Park were able to sample grouse shot at dawn on Lord Cawdor's estate near Nairn. Ten guns, led by Lord Cawdor, set off across the heather shortly after 5am and caught six and a half brace in just under an hour. Although the bag was not as big as the operators had hoped, Lord Cawdor said he was satisfied and there was enough to provide breakfast at Nairn's Golf View Hotel. The rest were flown south from Inverness by Dan Air, with passengers enjoying a taste of grouse at 33,000 ft. The race between three big hotel groups, Trust House Forte, Thistle Hotels and Stakis Hotels ended in a close finish. The first grouse reached Trust House Forte's Cumberland Hotel, Marble Arch, at 8.32am, only 11 minutes before the Selfridge Thistle Hotel received its birds. The Stakis team had missed their plane at Inverness and arrived at the St Ermin's Hotel, Caxton Street, at 9.25am. The winners collected three cases of whisky from Long John International but doated the equivalent value, about £300, to the Raigmore Hospital, where it will go towards a diagnostic scanner. Glorious Twelfth gimmickry seems to know no bounds. Miss Jennie Lee, aged 21, a legal secretary, leapt 3,000ft from a light aircraft inside her flying suit for customers of Ye Old Bell Inn, Barnby Moor, near Retford, Nottinghamshire.



Bird's eye view: A newly-hatched ostrich chick staying close to its mother at the Cotswold Wildlife Park in Burford, Oxfordshire. When more than 20 eggs were laid in the early summer it was feared that they would not hatch because the adult ostriches showed no interest in incubating them. But, as they do in the wild, the birds left the eggs exposed to the sun for long periods and let the British heatwave do the job. Four chicks have hatched so far. (Photographs: Chris Harris)

Six firemen overcome by fumes

Six firemen were overcome by smoke and fumes while fighting a big fire at a chemical warehouse in Macclesfield, Cheshire, yesterday. It took more than twenty firemen over three hours to bring the fire at the J and C International building in Fence Avenue under control, and houses near by had to be evacuated because of toxic fumes from burning PVC granules. The alarm was raised at 5 am. At one stage a third of the warehouse, measuring 300 by 100 metres, was in flames. The six firemen who were overcome had hospital treatment. Three later returned to Macclesfield fire station, but will go back to hospital for X-rays.

Greenham cases not dysentery

Two women from the Greenham Common peace camp, admitted to hospital with suspected dysentery were suffering from gastro-enteritis, Basingstoke District General Hospital said yesterday. One has already been discharged.

Villagers win silo fight

Villagers in the Bourne Valley have won their fight to stop the Southern Counties Agricultural Trading Society building 19 grain storage silos on land at Newton Toney in the heart of the valley, near Salisbury, Wiltshire. Salisbury district council, refused permission and at a public inquiry last June residents turned up in force to oppose it. The Department of the Environment has now dismissed the society's appeal.

Irish approval for local radio

More than thirty local commercial radio stations are to be established in the Irish Republic next year under an authority appointed by the Dublin Government, putting an end to RTE's monopoly of state-backed broadcasting. Dozens of "pirate" stations which have sprung up over the past few years have generally been overlooked by the authorities pending legislation to replace them with legal local stations.

Police rush to toy gun game

A police car sped to a Sheffield polytechnic site and an officer jumped out yelling to three boys aged 13: "Drop your guns." Then the police realized the boys were enjoying a holiday "shootout" with toy guns.

Judge visits feuding families' battlefield

From Our Correspondent, York

A judge moved his court yesterday to a field near a village where two families have feuded for four years. Judge Baker, QC, has presided over three country court cases involving disputes between Mr Brian Brook, a farmer, and Mr Roo Mallinson, a smallholder. Yesterday he decided to view the "battlefield" on the edge of Melbourn, North Humberdale. During almost 20 hours of cases Mr Mallinson and his wife, Margaret, have claimed that their life in their cottage has been turned into a "living hell" by the Brooks, who live 300 yards away.

North County Court has been told that the Brooks waged a war of harassment, involving training their alstian guard dog to bark all night and keep the Mallinsons awake, driving cars and tractors at them, destroying their property, turning other villagers against them, abusing and maligning them and sending them insulting messages. Mr Brook and his wife, Jean, claim the Mallinsons have buried bricks and insulted them, deliberately caused their

handicapped daughter to fall from her pony, and intimidated them by carrying tape recorders and cameras to provoke them into losing their tempers, trespassing on their property and frightening their children. Yesterday the Mallinsons were back in court seeking, for the second time, an order to have the Brooks jailed for breaking an injunction banning them from molesting the Mallinsons. Mr Mallinson, aged 49, a self-employed demolition contractor, told Judge Baker the latest incident in the long battle was just two days earlier. Mr Brook, he said, demolished one of his fences with his combine harvester. Mr Brook claimed Mr Mallinson deliberately tore it down himself to "frame" him. Judge Baker then ordered all parties involved to travel the 13 miles from York to Melbourn so that he could see the whole scene for himself. Judge Baker has already said in court that he is "frankly baffled" by the bickering. "The case is expected to end on Monday."

Prisoners join festival

From Richard Ford, Belfast

Four prisoners from Mountjoy Jail, Dublin, are to appear next month at the city's international theatre festival in a play specially written for them. The group, Exit, has been given permission by the Ministry of Justice to act in a public theatre for the first time. The four men will be joined

on stage at the Focus Theatre by a professional actress to present Fancy Footwork, a 40-minute lunchtime play about boxing, written by Miriam Gallagher. She said that it would feature a stylized fight as a lot of the prisoners taking part in drama workshops were good at the sport.

Tories back GLC over green belt

By a Staff Reporter

The Government's proposals for new guidelines on development within London's green belt have run into new criticism, this time from Conservatives on the Greater London Council. While the Government will not have been surprised by the attack on its plans from the Labour-controlled administration at the GLC, its announcement appears to have almost equally alarmed the Conservative opposition, whose planning spokesman, Mrs Joan Wakes, urged extreme vigilance to protect the future of the green belt. It was recognized that there might be some pockets of land which could be released for housing, but "the essential objective must be to protect London from this encroachment", she said. "The green belt is paramount to London's environmental well-being."



Scotland Yard artist's impression (above) yesterday of a man wanted in connection with the rape and murder of a girl a year ago. Yvonne Yvonne, aged 17, was found by her family on August 13 last year strangled at their home in Belsize Park, north west London. The man, who followed the girl home a month before the murder, was in his early twenties.

New sweeteners to go on sale

By Clive Cookson, Technology Correspondent

Six new substitutes for sugar will be permitted in Britain from September 6. Two of them are intensely sweet chemicals intended to replace saccharin, the only artificial sweetener permitted at present. The Ministry of Agriculture said yesterday that final regulations approving the six sweeteners would be tabled officially on Tuesday and would take effect three weeks later. Approval has been expected for several months, after a recommendation by the Government's Food Additives and Contaminants Committee. The two intense sweeteners, aspartame and acesulfame K, will receive most public attention as their manufacturers fight for the large market now monopolized by saccharin. Animal experiments have suggested that saccharin may be carcinogenic, although it has not been proved to cause cancer in humans and it will continue to be permitted in Britain. Britain will be the first country in the world to permit acesulfame K, a zero-calorie sweetener 130 times more intense than table sugar, which Hoechst developed in West Germany. Although the company declined last night to disclose its marketing plans, acesulfame K is seen as a potential replacement for saccharin. Its American rival Splenda already sells aspartame in several countries. The company plans to enter the British market with the sweetener from September 6, in the form of small tabletop tablets called Canderel and as a sugar substitute for soft drinks called NutraSweet.

Silver raid inquiry short of corruption evidence

By Stewart Teadler, Crime Reporter

A big Scotland Yard investigation into serious allegations of police corruption linked to a £3.4m silver bullion robbery in 1980 could end in the next few months, without any prosecutions. Sir Thomas Hetherington, the Director of Public Prosecution, was recently handed a new and comprehensive report, is understood to show that after two years in investigation is still short of sufficient evidence for charges to be brought. The DPP will have to consider whether fresh investigations should be carried out or whether the inquiry should end, leaving Scotland Yard to consider the possibility of internal disciplinary charges. The problem for the investigators, a small team led by Deputy Assistant Commissioner Ronald Stevenson and Det Chief Supt Alan Staggs, has been the lack of witnesses coming forward to confirm allegations surrounding missing bars of silver worth £20,000 and a record reward of £180,000 which was paid out. The allegations arose after 10 tons of bullion were stolen from a lorry on the A13 Barking Essex, in March 1980. Two months later officers from the Yard's robbery squad recovered 309 of the missing bars from a garage. The DPP's decision is not expected for some time but the investigating team is understood to have already been reduced. Mr Stevenson retires at the end of this month after staying on beyond his original time of retirement to oversee the inquiry. A second team of detectives is understood to be continuing on other allegations parallel to the corruption inquiry.

BR office 'removed by tenant'

By Clive Cookson, Technology Correspondent

A High Court judge was told yesterday that British Rail became the victim of a "sting" when most of a 42,000 sq ft former parcels office, which it leased out in Sunderland and some of it reappeared on a farm 60 miles away. The building, which would cost £300,000 to reinstate, had been leased from BR for £6,000 a year. Then, in what Mr Justice Falconer described as "an amazing story", most of the building was dismantled and sold. Part of it turned up, re-erected, on a farm 60 miles away at Robin Hood's Bay, North Yorkshire, Mr Timothy Jennings, counsel for BR said. He said that the premises, in Robinson Terrace, Hendon, Sunderland, were leased from British Rail in May by Mr Kenneth Burrell, of Ford Oval, Sunderland. The judge, who had been shown "before and after" photographs of the site, granted BR a temporary injunction banning any more demolition work or removal of materials from the site pending a further court hearing. Mr Burrell was not present, nor was he represented in court.

Village guns crack lordly image

From Ronald Faux, Ickernshaw

The men from the Yorkshire village of Ickernshaw were out at dawn yesterday waiting for the first quack to mark the start of their Glorious Twelfth. It was not a petrified shoot in the normal tradition. The local garage owner shattering the silence at 4.50am by firing a gun he had not used for a year. Near him in the heather was the coalman, the electrician, a mechanic and a weaver. There were council workers and a joiner. All of them exercising an ancient right to shoot on the 999 acres of moorland as freeholders of Ickernshaw. Mr Chris Robertson, who has been on the shoot every August 12 for the past 16 years, said the right was jealously defended. All it cost them was a £6 game licence for so entire season, while on the big estates one day could cost up to £700. "It's what I call a unique bargain." The right had been given by a patrician mill owner and dated back beyond the days when loom workers stalked the moor wearing dogs and working men fought off a group of high-handed Halifax gentry with pick-axe handles to keep them off the moor. Strangers and non-freeholders were never welcome. They have little in common with the hot polo on those other private moors where the ground is protected and patrolled and the sportsmen wear billowing plus fours. At Ickernshaw there are no

beaters to drive the birds into target clusters. The lads hide in the hollows of the moor that carry such names as "Billy Hill's Ole" and "Standing Ole", waiting for the first grumbling croak of the cock grouse and the answering quacks of the hens before firing. After the shooting starts it is up to any freeholder to work the moor with his dog. Birds beaten up from two neighbouring estates sometimes cross the Ickernshaw boundary and wish they hadn't. "Mind you, they get quite a few of ours, so it's fit for fun." The men have their own cunning skills at imitating birds. People remember John Willie Teal who never missed a day on the moor between August 12 and December 10. He could quack like a hen so that neither man nor bird could tell the difference. One veteran recalled: "The old cock birds would listen to him and all but perch on the end of his gun. He was a superb shot but could hardly write his name." Mr Robertson summed up the day's success: "We did very well, a lot better than some moors where the weather and disease have ruined the shooting this year. I got a brace and a half which will do me nicely. The important thing was to exercise the right for the sake of Ickernshaw folk to come." Bolton Abbey shoot, photograph, page 8

Bludgeon bomb victims, doctor advises

A doctor is recommending that victims of a nuclear attack should be put out of their misery with a crack on the head.

Dr Barney Williams gives the advice in a 10-point survival plan which he has been handing to his patients in Chippenham, Wiltshire.

Dr Williams said: "When a nuclear attack takes place there will be large numbers of people suffering from burns, compound fractures, crush injuries and radiation sickness, who will be in a lot of pain, very shocked and very ill."

"As no drugs will have been stockpiled for the population at large, it would appear that the best thing that can be done for them is to hit them over the head with a large stone. I am handing out the leaflets to my patients, provided I am satisfied they will not become mentally disturbed by them."

Dr Williams, aged 44, said none of the patients to whom he had given the leaflets so far had felt offended or upset.

He said: "The universal reaction has been one of saying 'thank you' for this. I gave it to

the wife of a senior RAF officer and he came in specially to say, 'You are so right, mate.'"

Dr Williams said he was not a member of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament or any similar organization. He had produced the leaflet in response to a Home Office request to doctors to draw up plans for the aftermath of a nuclear attack.

Another of his suggestions is that those about to die should not do so where they might pollute water supplies or cause disease.

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NHS 'could save extra £75m' by improvements in audit systems

By Nicholas Timmins

Health authorities should be able to double their present target of 0.5 per cent efficiency savings - the equivalent this year of about £75m - the Government has been told.

The improvements would come from a drastic overhaul of the National Health Service's audit procedures, with the creation of "value for money" units, that should produce year over year savings of 1 per cent.

That could be achieved provided sufficient management effort is invested in producing savings and provided that the money saved is largely available locally to improve services, a report from the Department of Health/NHS audit working group has concluded.

The report, from a team of NHS treasurers, auditors, and administrators under the chairmanship of Mr Patrick Salmon, chairman of the South West Surrey Health Authority, says: "We believed the Secretary of State is right in his assertion that there is no room for improvement in efficiency in the NHS without adverse effects on services to patients."

The policy of improving the "Cinderella" services of mental handicap and illness and care for the elderly must, with the level of funding allowed for growth, compel authorities to

reallocate funds within their present cash limits.

"Such reallocations are made much less painful if they can be funded by internal savings arising from improved cost effectiveness and value for money. There is every incentive now to invest in releasing resources from within the health service."

The report, which is being issued to health authorities for consultation, recommends that a "value for money" unit should be set up within the Department of Health and Social Security, responsible to the permanent secretary.

Each region and district should set up similar units with targets set for annual savings.

Apart from making savings, the report says that the health service's internal audit needs to be improved for its own efficiency and security.

The great shortage of expertise in computer audit had meant that where new computer systems were developed, adequate controls were not always built in at the right stage. "This situation must present a serious potential financial risk of considerable proportions and must be tackled urgently."

Report of the DHSS/NHS Audit Working Group. (DHSS (Leaves), PO Box 21, Stanmore, Middlesex, HA7 1AY, £3.80).

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Computer aid cuts waste from rubbish

By Bill Johnstone, Electronics Correspondent

Local authorities in Australia, the United States and Sweden may soon be using a British designed microcomputer system which predicts the cheapest way to run refuse collections.

The system was developed by LAMSA (Local Authorities Management Services Committee) and has been sold in some form to 200 local authorities in Britain. It can cut costs by up to 30 per cent.

Refuse collection is highly labour intensive; manpower accounts for over 60 per cent of the annual cost of £500m. The new system, which has been developed from one used on a

larger computer, is called Refuse Operation Systems Simulation (ROSS) and can be run on a Commodore Pet or an ICL DRS microcomputer.

LAMSA has high hopes for the system in the United States where it intends to exhibit in September at a municipal conference in Detroit. The computer system is being used by three municipalities in New Jersey. The British computer package will be sold through a US agent.

Australian local authority representatives were in London two weeks ago to look at the system and the Swedes two months before them.

Young jobless likely to fill Forces places

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

About 2,600 unemployed school leavers have shown interest in joining the armed forces for a year under the Armed Services Youth Training Scheme.

Recruiting began on August 4, and in just a week the Royal Navy had received 575 inquiries, the Royal Air Force 509, and the Army an estimated 1,500. The Navy is initially offering 350 places, the RAF 310 and the Army 1,250.

The Ministry of Defence said yesterday that all three Services regarded the figures as encouraging, and felt they would be able to fill the available places.

The scheme is open to unemployed young people aged 16 and 17. They will begin training between early September and early October.

Welsh language activists defaced signs

Members of the Welsh Language Society were removed from Newton magistrates' court in Powys by police yesterday as they protested against fines imposed for obscuring English-language road signs with paint.

Before the court were three Aberystwyth University students: Lydia Margaret Griffiths, aged 18, of Pwllglas, Penegoes, Machynlleth; Tonwen Davies, aged 20, of Llan Goch, Talwrn, Anglesey; and Helela Elizabeth Prosser, aged 20, of Parklands Crescent, Tonyrefail, Mid Glamorgan.

They were charged with criminal damage and carrying materials with intent to damage property. They refused to plead and were each fined £75 for criminal damage and £25 for carrying materials to cause damage.

Woman of 68 fought off killer son-in-law

A Birmingham coroner paid tribute yesterday to the bravery of a grandmother who almost certainly saved her granddaughter during a triple shooting.

When her distraught son-in-law, Patrick Breslin, burst through a window with a sawn off shotgun at the family home in Birmingham last May Mrs Rose Meehan, aged 63, grappled with him in a vain attempt to seize the gun.

Breslin, aged 37, rushed upstairs and shot his estranged wife, Margaret, aged 38, twice. She died shortly afterwards in hospital.

Then, as his eldest daughter, Tracey, aged 10, came running from her bedroom, he shot her, killing her instantly.

Mrs Meehan, who had flown in from Ireland only hours earlier, shielded the youngest daughter, Stephanie, aged eight and later carried her from the house and handed her over to the fence to neighbours. Meanwhile Breslin reloaded, put the gun to his throat and fired.

The coroner, Dr Richard Whittington, recorded a verdict that Mrs Margaret Breslin and Tracy Breslin had been unlawfully killed and that Patrick Breslin took his own life.

Dr Whittington told relatives in court that they could be very proud of Mrs Meehan, who has since returned to her home in Co Donegal.

Det Chief Insp Roy Bunn said that had it not been for Mrs Meehan there was every likelihood that the younger child would have been murdered.

The court heard that the couple separated two years ago and Mrs Breslin took the children back to Ireland where they had married. She eventually returned to Birmingham and had moved into the house in Institute Road two weeks before the shootings. Before the separation Mrs Breslin had complained of violence by her husband towards her.

Two days before her death she went to a local police station to ask for police protection.

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'Jedi' video pirates fined £300

Two men were fined yesterday for having the first pirated video copies of the money spinning film, Return of the Jedi.

Five sets of the film were found by trading standards officers when they raided a south-west London video shop in June. They were hidden among other pirated tapes in a box in a car parked outside Xenon Electronics in Wimbledon.

Wimbledon magistrates were told that 541 illegal tapes, some in a bedroom and others on display, were seized from the shop during raids in March and June.

The shop manager, Yusuf Ali, of Kenilworth Avenue, Wimbledon, and the owner, Abdul Qureshi, of Melrose Avenue, Mitcham, south London, each admitted three charges of breaching copyright, 13 of offering to supply films and one of supplying a film, all in breach of the Trades Description Act.

They said they paid £10 for every tape but refused to disclose the source.

They were fined a total of £300 on two charges and given a two-year conditional discharge on the rest. They were each ordered to pay £50 costs.

Tight security in Lourdes irks the church Bomb blast warning for Pope

From Roger Beardwood, Paris

More than 3,600 policemen, all armed and some in plain clothes, will be in Lourdes tomorrow for the arrival of the Pope at the start of a two-day visit.

Security, already tight, was strengthened after a bomb rocked the first Station of the Cross near the basilica.

A group calling itself Arrêts Cures (down with the clergy) claimed responsibility, saying the Pope was "the president and director-general of the Vatican multinational corporation visiting his French subsidiary".

Police yesterday found a large-calibre pistol in a left-luggage locker at Tabeas railway station, near Lourdes, but later announced it to be a collector's copy that cannot be fired.

Vandals set fire to a fifteenth century church at Saintes, in Charente Maritime department, badly damaging the interior. Slogans spray-painted on outside walls read "Vive le Diable!" (up with the Devil) and mentioned Lourdes.

In Lourdes, the church is highly critical of the tight security. Father Joseph Bordes, responsible for shrines at Lourdes and one of the organizers of the papal visit, said he hoped the bombing - "this desecration act of vandalism" - would not deter pilgrims. If it did, "that would be the end of civilization".

An estimated 200,000 people are expected in Lourdes. They will include several thousand Poles. Father Bordes said that if there are fewer than a quarter of a million people "that will be a true outrage" against the Pope.

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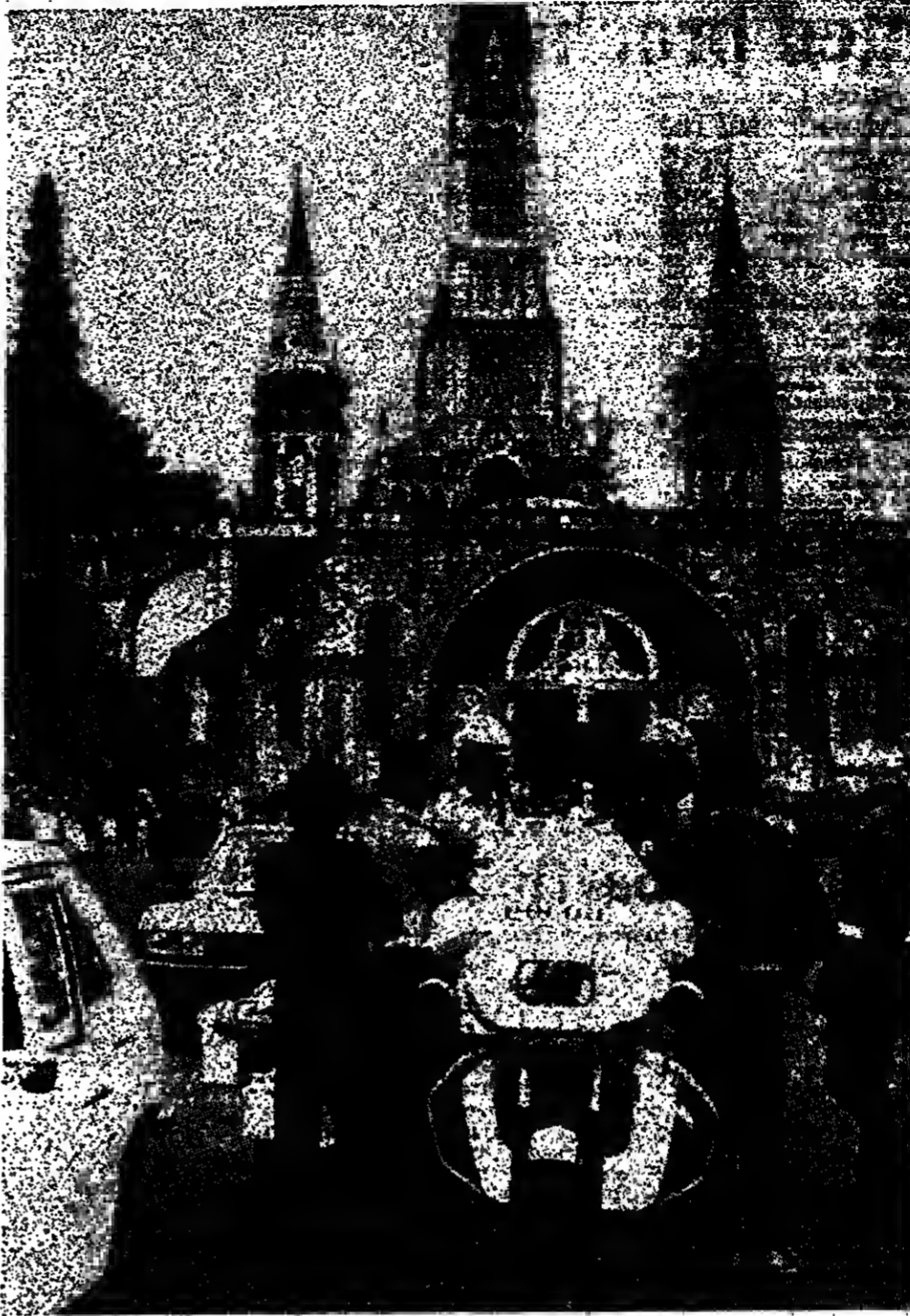
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Lindbergh killer's widow loses \$100m (£60m) damages suit

Newark, New Jersey (Reuters) - The widow of the man executed in 1936 for the kidnap and murder of the baby son of Charles Lindbergh, the American aviator, has lost her attempt to have his conviction overturned.

Judge Frederick Lacey ruled on Thursday that Mrs Anna Hauptmann, aged 83, had failed to produce evidence to prove her husband's constitutional rights were violated during his trial. The statute of limitations had also expired in the case, the judge said.

Mrs Hauptmann filed a

India opposes partition of Sri Lanka

Delhi (AP) - Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, yesterday announced India's support for ethnic reconciliation in riot-torn Sri Lanka - by uniting the Tamils and the Sinhalese rather than by partitioning the country.

In a statement to Parliament, Mrs Gandhi rejected the demands of Tamils in both Sri Lanka and India for an independent state for the Tamil minority.

She said she had offered Indian assistance to President Jayewardene, a Sinhalese, to restore broken ties with Sri Lanka Tamils "to find a lasting solution to their problems within the framework of a united Sri Lanka".

President Jayewardene "readily welcomed" the Indian offer, Mrs Gandhi said, reporting on talks in Delhi with Mr Hector Jayewardene, the Presi-

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From Peter Nichols, Rome

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International marine fraud Net closing in on criminals

By Michael Bailly, Transport Editor

The net is closing in on the international criminals who made fortunes in the late 1970s from marine fraud. That is the confident view of the International Maritime Bureau, which was set up in 1979 after he scuttling of the oil tanker "Safer".

Mr Eric Ellen, the director of the bureau, said yesterday that he scuttling for insurance purposes and diverting ships to sell the cargo illegally at a different port had all but ceased.

Incidents of arson, documentary frauds, and selling goods that do not exist, although still common, have decreased.

Mr Ellen, aged 52, the former head of the Port of London Police, who has an office in London docks, said that although no one knew the size of the international marine fraud, there was clear evidence of a decline. "There has been an across-the-board reduction in the past few months. Scuttling, fraudulent charter and documentary crimes have all decreased."

It was the bureau which alerted the police about the arrival in British ports this week of \$25m of Taiwanese toys and electrical goods that had been bought by a Taiwanese citizen on the strength of worthless cheques.

The bureau has continued to build up its international contracts, dossier on suspects and the range of its communications and controls. Suspect ships are now required to report their port of origin daily to prevent any "disappearances".

However, Mr Ellen attributes



Miss Kuo (above), in common with all International Maritime Bureau investigators, does not carry a weapon. But she is an expert in the martial arts. Miss Kuo, the daughter of a policeman, was a top investigator with the Taiwan police force before she joined the bureau. She left Britain this week to work on a new case in the Far East.

subsequent scuttling of Dakar to claim insurance on the ship and non-existent cargo was, said Mr Ellen, "an affront to shipping. It changed everything."

That was the stimulus needed to set up the International Maritime Bureau. Sir John Cockney, chairman of Thomas Cook Group and Brooks Bond Group, was appointed as chairman.

Its 14 investigators have a dangerous job because of the large sums of money involved. Although no one has been harmed, Miss Kuo Shiao-Lin, aged 25, from Taiwan, was taken off her last case after the bureau's clients received death threats against her.

International shipping, with its reliance on trust and attenuated relationships and documentation, has always been vulnerable to fraud.

Mr Ellen blamed the explosion of crime in the 1970s on the spread of affluence and international trade to the Middle and Far East and Africa, areas unsophisticated in trade, and the breakdown of "the system", originating primarily in the City of London, under which international trade was conducted.

"International trade had always been a case of 'my word is my bond'. But when you get people coming in whose word is not their bond it doesn't work."

Although the bureau handled 44 cases in the first half of this year, compared with 78 for the whole of the last, the overall incidence is definitely in decline, Mr Ellen says.

Briton accused of arson over blaze in forest

From Mario Mediano, Athens

A British motorist and his German companion were charged with arson and remained in custody yesterday in connection with a forest fire along the Athens-Salonika highway, 20 miles north of the capital.

Brian Walter Welstead, aged 42, who lives in Switzerland, and Petra Marguerita, of Stuttgart, were arrested following claims to police that a fire had started after they left a parking area on the highway.

Both denied any involvement when they spoke to journalists outside the magistrate's office.

Royal wrangle threatens Swazi peace

From Kay Kennedy, Johannesburg

A battle royal is developing over the dismissal from office of the Queen Regent of Swaziland amid signs that the tiny African kingdom for so long the epitome of peace in a turbulent continent, is heading for a serious constitutional crisis.

Yesterday police were posted around the broadcasting station in Mbabane, the capital, shortly before Prince Bhekimpi Dlamini, the Prime Minister, went on radio and television to denounce moves by a faction within the royal family to annul the appointment as regent of Queen Nombi, mother of Prince Makhosini, aged 15, who has been named successor to the throne.

The royal family of Swaziland is vast. King Sobhuza II, who died last year after 61 years

Gendarmette aims for the top

Mme Marie-Josée Latapie, one of the first eight women to break into that male preserve of France's national police force, the Gendarmerie Nationale.

The eight, nicknamed gendarmettes by the French press, were trained alongside men at the forces school at Montlauron in central France. Eight others have become instructors and there are plans for 160 women in the force by next year (Roger Beardwood writes).

Mme Latapie, aged 24, who was formerly a secretary in the gendarmerie, started her

IUDs raise pelvic risk nine times

Chicago (Reuters) - Women using intrauterine contraceptive devices (IUDs) are nine times more likely to develop a serious inflammatory disorder than users of other birth control devices according to an American study.

Women still relying on the Dalkon Shield, an IUD taken off the market nearly a decade ago, are at particularly high risk, said the study published in this week's Journal of the American Medical Association.

The complication, pelvic inflammatory disease, affects an estimated 350,000 women in the United States each year. It can lead to fallopian tube pregnancies and infertility.

Veneral disease and IUDs both appeared to play a role in the disorder, the study said.

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Journalist killed in Gulf War minefield

Tokyo (AFP) - Mr Kazumoto Momose, the Japanese correspondent of the Tokyo newspaper Asahi Shimbun, yesterday described how he and two other journalists were wounded, and a third killed, in a minefield in the Iran-Iraq battlefield.

Mr Momose, who is in hospital with a slight shoulder wound, said that at the time the mine exploded, the journalists were climbing Hill 340, recently taken from Iraqi troops in a recent Iranian offensive. The hill is a strategic point overlooking the Iranian border town of Mehriz.

He noted, just before the explosion, that many small mines were scattered about the hillside.

Iranian troops had cleared a passage 28in wide through the centre of the minefield for the press party, accompanied by an Islamic guidance (Information) Ministry official.

The official and an Iranian, Mr Najmullah Hassan, Reuters correspondent, stepped too far to the left and were killed when a mine exploded.

Mr Momose in his hospital bed drew a sketch showing that Mr Hassan was only 10 yards away from the Iranian official when they were killed.

Mr Momose, who has been in Iran for 18 months, said: "Our guide, who was killed, did not have much experience of frontline conditions and the Iranian soldiers could not speak English so could not warn us of any dangers."

Mr Momose, an Italian journalist and an Iranian reporter were carried 300 yards to a lorry which then drove 12 miles over a rough road where they were given medical treatment before being taken by helicopter to hospital at Bekhran.

At present the three journalists are here in the Mustapha Khomcni hospital, named after the deceased son of Iran's religious leader.

Mr Hassan, aged 37, the father of two children, flew here only two days ago to relieve Reuters' permanent correspondent, Mr Paul Edle, who is on leave in Australia.

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Zia strengthens role of president and sets martial law time limit

From Michael Hamlyn
Islamabad



General Zia: A tailor made post

President Zia ul-Haq of Pakistan last night unveiled his plans for new elections in the country. His scheme envisages constitutional changes strengthening the role of the president. The job seems tailor-made for him.

Elections are to be held before March 23, 1985, for provincial assemblies, a national assembly and senate. The date has some significance in Pakistan's history, as a government minister later pointed out: it is Armed Forces Day.

The President, who is also chief martial law administrator, announced, however, that martial law would end after the elections. He said the elections would be held on the basis of the 1973 constitution, with certain amendments.

Speaking in front of the Majlis-e-Shoora, his nominated federal council, who sat in pairs at parliamentary desks and applauded by rapping the tops at frequent intervals, the President described the constitutional changes he proposed to carry into effect.

The Prime Minister would be appointed by the President, he said, though he would have to command a majority of the National Assembly. The President could dismiss the National Assembly and call fresh elections within 75 days. The President would have the power to send back any legislation he did not like for reconsideration.

Explaining this last point afterwards, General Mujibur Rahman, the Minister of Information, said it did not amount to a veto, but he did not indicate that there was any method by which the President's wishes could be overridden.

The only body able to override the president's wishes is to be a national security council, the composition of

which has yet to be disclosed, but which seems certain to provide some institutional role for the military. The council will have the power to say when a state of emergency is to be declared.

The President was quite firm, however, that "there shall be no role assigned to the armed forces". And the President would always have the power to appoint the heads of the armed services.

Although the new democratic arrangements are described as Islamic, General Zia emphasized that the country was not to be a theocracy. There would be no constitutional role for the Council on Islamic Ideology, even though, as was made clear later, the council had envisaged such a role for itself in presenting proposals to the regime.

The constitutional changes are Islamic to the extent that candidates standing for election must fulfil certain requirements of honesty and decency. It has not been made clear yet whether the national provincial elections will be run on a party-political basis.

Under the 1973 constitution the President himself is elected by members of the provincial assemblies and the National

Assembly. General Zia proposed no change in this arrangement, although he had been widely expected to announce a directly elected presidency. It was not stated, however, when the next presidential election would take place.

General Zia made it clear that he intends to stay in charge at least until the democratic process has fully worked out.

The measures I have just announced, God willing, will be completed under my supervision", he said.

Wearing a neatly cut, grey civilian *sherwazi* - the high-necked formal national dress - he told the assembled councilors, who included 14 women neatly segregated on the left: "We will make the transition of power peaceful and smooth".

"There are people", he added, "who will try to sabotage this. But if they try to create chaos they will be dealt with severely and sternly. I am not like those who create chaos and trouble".

By making his announcement two days before his self-imposed deadline of August 14, Independence Day, the President has upstaged the Movement for the Restoration of Democracy (MRD), a coalition of banned political parties which plans a day of demonstrations for Sunday.

However, many leaders of the MRD have been arrested or have gone underground, as a result of a series of police sweeps in the past few days, and one of the main props of the MRD has been kicked from under it with the withdrawal of the National Democratic Party.

The fissiparous tendencies of the opposition, the increased activity of the security forces, and the general popularity of the Islamization programme seem likely to ensure that General Zia's new proposals will have a reasonably easy ride.

16 killed in Chile day of protest

From Florencia Varras
Santiago

Sixteen people were killed, 100 wounded and 700 arrested in the 24-hour protest called by the Chilean opposition against the regime of President Pinochet. The dead included three children, aged between eight and ten years.

The government, which brought in 18,000 soldiers from regiments around the country, severely repressed the various demonstrations which took place in the streets and at universities.

The worst violence occurred on the outskirts of Santiago, in the shanty-towns La Hermida and La Victoria, where police entered several houses, smashing them up and arresting the occupants.

Santiago was like an occupied city: there was no special police squads. They were stationed under bridges and on the rooftops of tall buildings, while army lorries filled with soldiers carrying machine guns patrolled all sectors of the city.

As predicted, the armed forces were issued with orders to shoot to kill and in the Tobalaba area a group of boys who threw stones at the soldiers were seriously wounded.

A curfew was enforced between 6.30pm on Thursday and 5am yesterday.

The city was left completely to the military patrols, as all safe-conduct passes had been revoked, including those of diplomats and journalists, except for government and military officials.

Yesterday's protest, in which the opposition called for the resignation of President Pinochet, was the most violent of recent demonstrations. For the first time, despite the presence of the armed forces, the protesters paraded under their own banners.

In the shanty-towns people built barricades with tyres which were set alight, to keep out the armed forces.

In between the racket of pots and pans being banged - the characteristic opposition "noise protest" - one could hear shouts of: "It's going to fall, it's going to fall, the military dictatorship is going to fall".

The new Cabinet recently announced by President Pinochet, ironically called "the one which will lead to an open dialogue", had the worst possible debut with Thursday's events.

Yesterday the regime faced a formal accusation in court by the Commission for Human Rights over the way it reacted to the call for a "pacific protest". The right to protest and dissent peacefully is enshrined in a document recently issued by the Supreme Court.



Sudden death: A council worker using his silenced pistol on a stray during an anti-rabies drive in Istanbul's slums. The disease has killed 20 people in Turkey this year.

The war of words over Chad

France rejects Libyan approach

From Roger Beardwood
Paris

French officials last night described as bizarre Libyan suggestions made through its official news agency Jana that France should join talks to end the conflict in Chad.

France's objections were apparently as much to the use of a news agency to pass on a message that should have gone through diplomatic channels, as with the content, which virtually invited France to end its support to President Hissoc Habre.

The Foreign Ministry said: "We shall continue to support the legitimate government of Chad." The UN Security Council was due to discuss Chad, and France regarded that as a proper place for debate. Chad will also be considered by the Organization of African Unity.

The Ministry said: "We very much favour a local or regional solution, and if the OAU can contribute to that, provided the solution is acceptable to the Chad Government, we shall support its intervention."

There is relief in government circles here that President Reagan, in his latest statement, has apparently backed away from urging a joint Franco-American effort, emphasizing that Chad is mainly within the French sphere of influence and therefore its primary responsibility.

Until now the US has been talking of coordinating efforts. This has embarrased the French Government because its own left wing and its Communist minority partners have been vehemently critical of France's playing what they see as a proxy role.

Mr Allam-mi Ahmad the Chad Chargé d'affaires in Paris, said the Jana message was a new attempt by Colonel Gaddafi the Libyan leader, to sow confusion and discord between Paris and Ndjameña and between Paris and Washington.

"All co-constructive dialogue is impossible with Tripoli, because there is no sign at all of a change of political direction there", he said.

The French Ministry of Defence continues to be reticent and vague about the size and composition of the 500 French troops ordered to Chad. It still maintains that they are not there in a combat role, but has admitted that if fired upon they might fire back.

● WASHINGTON: By declaring that Chad is primarily France's sphere of influence, President Reagan has ruled out any direct US military intervention in Chad (Mobsin Ali writes).

However he announced Colonel Gaddafi's "empire-building" making it clear to a hurriedly-convened press conference on Thursday that the US would continue to send military supplies to President Habre's Government.

But when asked if the US would allow Chad to fall to Libyan forces rather than intervene, the President replied: "As I have said before, it is not our primary sphere of influence. It is that of France. We remain in constant consultation with them but I do not see any situation that would call for military intervention by the US there."

The President also said he did not think that the fall of the northern oasis town of Faya-Largeau to Libyan and Libyan-backed insurgents on Wednesday marked the imminent end of the Chad war. He said that

Faya-Largeau was a loog way from the capital of Ndjameña.

When asked whether France should provide air support to Chad, the President said: "Well, as I say, I do not know what their plans are. Frankly we had believed at first that there was going to be some actual activity there. I do not know whether they are negotiating at the same time with Libya or not."

The President recalled that his Administration was giving emergency military supplies to Chad worth \$2.5m (£1m) and that the US had offered to transport troops from other African states to help President Habre's Government.

"But we are out in any way in force participating militarily other than that," the President said, evidently setting limits on US military aid to Chad.

He added: "I think the whole attitude of Gaddafi and his empire-building is a concern to anyone. But the main concern is for the surrounding African states. They are all very much alarmed and disturbed because they believe that they are all under a threat."

● CAIRO: Egyptian authorities finally announced early yesterday that the Bright Star joint military exercises with 5,500 US soldiers had started after a 48-hour news blackout (AFP reports).

Amid rumours of cancellation, reliable sources said the manoeuvres had been launched around Cairo on Wednesday as announced in Washington on July 10.

The blackout, in contrast to publicity given to the last joint exercises in 1981, three weeks after the assassination of President Sadat, can be explained by Egyptian caution over the war in Chad, observers said.

Model freed by kidnappers

Florence (AP) - Ludovica Machiavelli, a descendant of the political philosopher, was freed by kidnappers on Thursday after being held for more than three months.

The 24-year-old fashion model's father said he paid a large ransom but declined to give an exact figure.

Actress flies in

Koo Stark, the actress friend of Prince Andrew, arriving in Sydney from London for a television appearance, and thereby ending speculation that the couple would meet at Balmoral after the Prince's return from a canoeing holiday in Canada.

Diplomat's son in brief defection

From Leslie Gell (New York Times), Washington

The 16-year-old son of a Soviet diplomat here took his parents' car and ran away from home because he hated his country and loved America, according to a letter signed with his name.

By the time the boy had returned home to a Washington suburb less than 24 hours after his flight on Wednesday, he had created a diplomatic incident, involving the State Department, the FBI and police.

Some aspects of his disappearance remain a mystery. It is not clear whether government authorities, at the time they ordered the search, understood that the boy's departure might involve a possible defection.

Soviet officials told the State Department that Andrei Berezchkov, son of Mr. Valentin Berezchkov, a first secretary in the embassy, had taken the car but then returned home at 2 am on Thursday.

A letter in English, dated Tuesday and signed Andy Berezchkov, was received at the Washington office of *The New York Times* on Thursday. The writer said he had also written to President Reagan asking for help.

"I hate my country and its rules and I love your country," the letter said. "I want to stay here."

Mr. Oleg Sokolov, the Soviet

Minister-Counsellor, when asked about the incident, said: "The situation is perfectly clear. The boy is back home with his parents. As far as the authenticity of this letter, we certainly think it is a forgery, and it looks like a very clear provocation to us."

State Department officials said they were asking the Soviet Embassy for the right to see the youth, and that he should not leave the country before being interviewed.

The last case of a Soviet youngster running away in the United States occurred in 1980, when 12-year-old Walter Polorchak left his parents' home in Chicago to live with a relative.

Reagan renews his broadside against Castro

From Christopher Thomas
Washington

President Reagan, worried by the increasingly sophisticated political machine of America's Spanish-speaking community, yesterday denounced President Castro for selling young Cubans as cannon fodder to the Soviet Union.

Apart from ingratiating himself with Cuban exiles in the United States, Mr Reagan abruptly ended a period of calm in which both he and the Cuban leader have been sounding more conciliatory over developments in Central America.

Dr Castro set a more moderate tone a few weeks ago by offering to pull all his advisers out of central America if the United States did the same. Mr Reagan has been saying all along that he welcomed the gesture and was looking for evidence of sincerity.

But in yesterday's speech to the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in Tampa, Florida, he declared that if the United States did not meet its responsibilities in Central America "he will pay dearly". The security aspect of the challenge must be addressed. Those who suggested otherwise were courting disaster, he said.

Mr Reagan's trip to Florida opened four days of speech-making before Hispanic groups, whose numbers continue to grow rapidly. Their political machine, long encumbered by squabbles reminiscent of those endemic in their former homelands, is at last showing signs of effectiveness. And, as President

Show of force: President Alvaro Magaña of El Salvador watching a display of air power on board the US aircraft carrier Ranger off the coast of his country.

Reagan knows, it is working in favour of the Democrats.

The President will hold talks tomorrow with President de la Madrid of Mexico in La Paz, during which he will seek Mexican support for his Central America policy.

Meanwhile the civil in El Salvador has resulted in the deaths of more than double the number of Government troops in the past year compared to the previous year, according to reports reaching Washington. But all the signs are that the guerrillas - at least for now - are being beaten back.

Israeli Cabinet meets in defence cuts crisis

From Christopher Walker
Jerusalem

Urgent moves to rescue Israel from its most severe economic crisis continued yesterday when the Cabinet was convened in emergency session at army headquarters in Tel Aviv to discuss proposals for a sweeping £240m cut in the defence budget.

The proposed reduction is one of a number contained in a controversial austerity package drawn up by the Treasury in an effort to trim public spending by a total of £705m. It has been vigorously resisted by Mr Moshe Arens, the new Defence Minister, and leading members of the military establishment.

At yesterday's unusual

Peking sends film crew

From Richard Hughes, Hongkong

China has sent a four-man team to Hongkong for the first time to make an on-the-spot film "to introduce Hongkong to Chinese mainlanders".

In the past documentaries for Chinese showing has been shot by Hongkong film companies.

The Peking team - writer, sound technician and two cameramen - will be assisted by SUI-Metropole, a Hongkong firm, whose assistant managing director, Mr Chen Chin-Po, said the documentary would

UN asked to take strong line

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

With the war in Chad as a common theme, the United Nations Security Council yesterday, continued to hold separate sessions as Chad sought to vilify Libya in one, and Libya tried in the other to portray the United States as the true adventurer in North Africa.

The Soviet Union which is trying to strike a balance between its allegiance to Libya and its attempts to court Egypt, called on the US to end imperialist meddling in Chad but stopped short of giving unreserved support to Libya.

Mr Korom Ahmed, the Deputy Foreign Minister of Chad, made an impassioned appeal to the council during the first session on Thursday to

take measures to force Libya to end its armed aggression. He said the conflict could no longer be characterized as a civil war between internal factions but as a war between Libya and Chad.

He described the Libyan forces as an armada of heavy weaponry which saw as its destiny the takeover of areas which went far beyond the borders of Chad into the Sudan, Egypt, Cameroon, Nigeria and Niger.

In Thursday's second debate the United States rejected Libyan charges that the Reagan administration was interfering in the overthrow of the government of Colonel Gaddafi, calling them an attempt to confuse Libyan aggression

British give cool welcome to Argentine move

By Rodney Corvum
Defence Correspondent

The Foreign Office yesterday welcomed the announcement from the Central Bank of Argentina that discriminatory financial restrictions on British companies had been lifted.

A spokesman for the Foreign office said, however, that time would be needed to establish whether the restrictions actually were lifted.

Britain sees this as a useful step towards normal relations with Argentina, but its welcome for the Argentine move is qualified because it was the British understanding that these restrictions were to have been lifted as long ago as last September when Britain lifted financial restrictions.

This move, and also the recent call for an early resumption of negotiations on the future of the Falkland Islands, are seen in Whitehall as part of a process on the part of Argentina to prepare the ground for a debate on the Falklands in the United Nations General Assembly.

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Druze exploit their hold on Beirut airport

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

Lebanese Government promises that it would consider demands made by Druze leaders after two days of fighting around Beirut that cost at least 27 lives prompted Mr Walid Jumblatt to urge the reopening yesterday of the capital's international airport.

Mr Jumblatt's Progressive Socialist Party militia announced in Damascus that it would respect the latest ceasefire in the Chouf mountains.

If the tentative contacts between President Gemayel's Cabinet and the Druze appear on the surface to presage some

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Force ruled out against atoll landing

The Government yesterday rejected suggestions that it was planning to use a frigate to remove 36 coconut fibre merchants from a tiny island in the Indian Ocean, about 130 miles from Diego Garcia.

The Ministry of Defence said it had no plans to involve any naval vessel in the situation, which arose when the merchants from Mauritius landed illegally on the uninhabited atoll of Peros Banhos.

The attitude of the Foreign Office is that a representative of the British Indian Ocean Territory has had contact with the Mauritians on the atoll and that there is every reason to suppose that they will leave peacefully within a short time.

No political significance is being read into the Mauritians' presence on the island.

The frigate *Andromeda*, which had been reported as being on its way to remove the Mauritians, is in fact believed to be scheduled to make a goodwill visit to Mauritius later this month.

Money machine gets the bullet

Largo, Florida (AP) - A man confined to a wheelchair pulled out a pistol and fired six times at an automatic bank teller when the machine kept his plastic bank card and refused to give him the money.

Mr Thomas Jackson Morton, aged 34, a Vietnam veteran, admitted he lost his temper. He said he probably did not hear the machine beep at him when he incorrectly entered his identification code. Police are considering charges.

Refugees home

Nairobi (The Uganda Vice-President, Mr Paulo Nuruwaga, has told Parliament that most of the 10,000 people displaced by an anti-guerrilla operation in Luwero district have gone back to their homes.

AIDS no help

New York (AFP) - A bank robber who terrified cashiers into handing over money by claiming he had the killer disease AIDS has been arrested. Garnett Wilson, aged 36, handed over a piece of paper saying "I have AIDS and less than 30 days to live."

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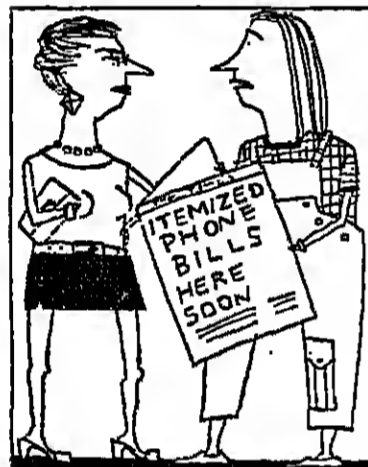
A head of steam

The joke among those awaiting the announcement of a new chairman for British Rail (caught up no doubt in works on the line) is that Terence Higgins thought the Tory most likely to succeed to the job, can no longer hope to get it. The majority in his Worthing constituency is only 15,253. So here are a few names spotted in the marshalling yards: Lord Eccles's son and heir, John, deputy chairman of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission; Leslie Bond of the Rank Organization, who wrote one bit of the Serpell report the Railways Board could bear to read; and Professor Robert Ball, principal of the London Business School and chairman of Legal & General, to whom the Prime Minister is still indebted. Do not blame me if what eventually turns up is someone completely different. Sir John Trelawny of the head-hunters Korn-Ferry has been looking for months, and has produced nothing acceptable yet. Candidates he interviewed included Joel Barnett, which is even further fetched than Francis Pym.

Editorial excision

My former editor, Sir William Rees-Mogg, has just taken his blue pencil to Sir Roy Shaw, former secretary-general of the Arts Council, of which Rees-Mogg is chairman. Rees-Mogg had originally cleared for publication in the Arts Council's information bulletin a vaudeville article by Shaw. "I thought there were queries in the office as to its appropriateness". The chairman's tolerant attitude changed when Shaw appeared on Newsnight with Rees-Mogg, his own successor, Luke Rintner, and the Arts Minister, Lord Gowrie, and charged that there was a direct line from Margaret Thatcher through the minister and the chairman to the new secretary-general. "It was an accusation he should know to be unjustified".

BARRY FANTONI



Curious how Gillian's Neville has started using a public call box?

Model to follow

With more spare time on his hands since he ceased to be chairman of the United Drapery Stores group, Bernard Lyons has written a psychological thriller, tentatively entitled *The Narrow Edge*. It concerns a woman with a mystery in her past which she cannot recall, and is in the hands of publishers in America. Lyons's only previous book was a privately printed volume of memoirs, *The Thread is Strong*, but the experience of his wife, Lucy, is some encouragement. An exhibition of her sculptures worth some £20,000 opened at Leeds City Art Gallery yesterday. She started 20 years ago with some modelling clay and a teach-yourself book.

Reader's Digest is shortly to publish a condensed Bible here. The American version, produced last year, is called *The Reader's Digest Bible*. How it will be the Reader's Bible. How you can see the title is condensed.

Swept away

By rights, we should have been celebrating the diamond jubilee of the Spangler vacuum cleaner this week. Instead it was the seventieth birthday of the Hoover. William Henry Hoover, owner of a falling horse and huggy business, persuaded J. Murray Spangler, an automotive caretaker in an Ohio department store, to part with the rights of the "electric broom" he had invented. As Adrian Room remarks in his dictionaries of trade name origins, a Spangler vacuum would create "several favourable associations" ("sparkle", "spangle") that Hoover can never have. As to the diamond jubilee, Queen Victoria spelt that by appropriating the jewel for the sixtieth anniversary of her accession to the throne, effectively ending its traditional association with seventy-fifth anniversaries.

At the evening institute in Rainton, Essex, the coming year's art classes will be taken by Mr. Panton; woodwork by Mr. Jenner; Mrs. Frost is in charge of Christmas decorations; and lessons for those who wish to improve their bridge will be taken by Mr. Luck.

My local sandwich bar proprietor could have been luckier as in whom he

sold a cockroach sandwich. It went in a Camden council employee fetching refreshments for a meeting at the Health Education Council's offices, and ended up in the mouth of a principal health education officer. Poor old Pete was fined £50 and £15 costs for selling contaminated food. He has since sold his lively business and is now unemployed.

PHS

How a four-year-old imagined a papal frolic in London - with an invitation, and inducement, to fill a literary lacuna

Young Daisy's visiter

A previously unpublished work by Daisy Ashford, author of *The Young Visitors*, has been discovered. Her family claim that she dictated it at the age of four to her parents. It is called *The Life of Father McSwiney* and tells the remarkable story of a jaunt to London by the reigning Pope a century before John Paul II's visit in 1982. Full of naive charm and mordant perception - and better spell than most works by infant prodigies - it will be published on Thursday by the Oxford University Press in a collection of works from Daisy's oeuvre entitled *The Hangman's Daughter and Other Stories*.

An introduction tells the story of Daisy's childhood, with a section on how *The Life of Father McSwiney* came to be written.

Daisy's papist story was discovered last year, when Oxford published *Love and Marriage*, three romantic stories by Daisy and Angela Ashford. An interviewer on the BBC *Kaleidoscope* programme about Daisy spoke to Mrs Malcolmson, daughter of Daisy's sister Vera. Mrs Malcolmson mentioned having read the biography of the sparky Jesuit priest, Father McSwiney, some years ago and quoted some choice passages from memory.



Daisy Ashford, budding best-seller

Henry Hardy of OUP, prince of the literary resurrection men, was listening to the programme and immediately got on the

trail. He telephoned Mrs Margaret Steel, Daisy's elder daughter. Yes, she said, she thought she might have such a story in a drawer. It must have come back to her after Vera's death. When Dr Hardy asked why it had not been offered for publication before, she replied: "It never occurred to me that anyone would be interested".

The first half of the story tells of the birth and childhood of James McSwiney in Cork, his piety ("full of a grand and Jesuit-like joy"), his first confession ("I should like to be so much, as I feel rather wicked"), and his confirmation at the age of seven with "aunc and a half" painted on his chest in black figures to persuade the bishop that he was old enough. When the second part starts, McSwiney is about to become a Jesuit. Now read on.

A few lines of the manuscript towards the end are missing. About 34 words between "was rather" and "they caught the fleas". *The Times* and the Oxford University Press offer a prize of the Compact Edition of the *Oxford English Dictionary* to the reader who submits the best suggestion for the missing passage. Entries will be judged by Henry Hardy of OUP and Philip Howard, Literary Editor of *The Times*.

THE LIFE OF FATHER McSWINEY

WHEN James McSwiney was about twenty-five, he began to be a novice for the Jesuit life. After he had taken his vows, he began to wear horsehair shirts, and very tight belts with gold buttons. He wore sandals half a size too large for him, and a floppy hat with a green band, to show he was a Jesuit. He bought himself a magnificent prayer-book the day before he went to the monks' college.

When he got there, a housemaid in a red frock came out and said, "You must be very quiet, Jesuit, for there are visitors. There are four priests, and two very ignorant bishops".

He was then led to a dear little sitting-room, in which he found a first-rate novel which he began to read.

In a few minutes a man eek came in, and announced that there was a holy priest named Father McAuliffe come to see the Jesuit.

He had tinged curly hair, brushed back, and coming over one eye. He had most expressive pale blue eyes, which looked as if he had just come a very long journey, and a tender mouth.

"How do you do, my dear Father McAuliffe," exclaimed Father McSwiney.

"I do very well, thank you," replied Father McAuliffe, in a sweet angelic voice.

"I expect," said the good fat Father McSwiney, as he sat down, "you will be a canon in a few days, you look so dreadfully pious."

"Oh well I don't quite know," said Father McAuliffe.

Then Father McSwiney blew his nose and began thus: "You know, I said the Mass of St Bernard this morning, and I don't think it agreed with me very much, as I don't feel very well."

"I am so sorry to hear that," began Father McAuliffe, rapidly shrinking as he was not very strong; "it seems a great pity that a novice should not agree with his mass."

"It does seem a pity," said Father McSwiney, "but I never had a great devotion to St Bernard."

"I am afraid," said Father McAuliffe, looking very sad and timid, "that my Mission is very small, and somehow I'm rather uneasy about it."

"Is that so?" said Father McSwiney; "if I could convert a duke or two and send them down to you, that might make it better, mightn't it?"

"It would be so very kind if you would," said Father McAuliffe, "you see I don't quite know how to arrange my services; I have confessions before and after mass every morning, but the people tell so very few sins that the absolution isn't so long; so I can't sit peacefully there, and I think over what vestment I shall wear; and in my sermons I really don't know what to say; I either talk about the birth of our Lord, or obedience to the commandments of the Church, and I am sure the people must have heard it all before."

"That reminds me," said Father McSwiney, "that I had three sermons given to me by Father Seraphim, and they are all written out; they might do - you could read them out on the three coming Sundays."

"It would be such a pleasure if you would send me two or three," answered Father McAuliffe; "I'm sure I will be most grateful to you, and I will say many Our Fathers and Hail Marys for you. I suppose I had better go and see the priest of this retreat place, if I have business to talk with him, if you do not mind my leaving you."

"Well to tell the truth, I am coming with you," said Father McSwiney, with a chuckle in his chest.

"You are lucky, holy Father," said a novice to Father McSwiney as he passed by.

"I know not the reason then," answered Father McSwiney, going upstairs.

At last he reached a small room, in which sat the Pope. Holding the habit which Father McSwiney did not know he was just going to receive.

"Come in," said the Pope in an ill voice.

"You have given me the wrong habit," said the good Jesuit.

"Have I? I thought you were going to be of the First Order of St Francis," said the mild and innocent Pius IX.

"Please give me the black habit, if your holiness does not mind," answered the most beautiful-in-his-worlds Father McSwiney.

"Most willingly," answered the Pope, giving the black habit at that moment to the Jesuit.

"My most honoured thanks to you," and out went Father McSwiney.

Retreat at Manresa was given by the Rev. J. Gordon Goodwin, and Father McSwiney was shown upstairs by him after having said a pious goodbye to the Holy Father. The room into which he was shown was very small indeed; it was furnished with three chairs and a small table in the middle, on which was the Old Testament and other pious books. In one corner of the room in a very draughty place was a bed made of an old straw mattress covered over with a quilt. Where the fire ought to have been, but was not, was a small grotto, made of oak wood. On this grotto was a statue of Our Lady with two wax candles each side.

"Here," said Father Goodwin, "is your room; you see you have everything you want but your bath, and you will find that the opposite side of the landing. Whenever you are in here you must pray hard."

"Certainly, I shall be delighted," said the pious Father McSwiney, clasping his hands tight.

Next morning Father McSwiney jumped up and had his bath and then the Pope, who was in his dining-room, said that all the novices were to be taken to the meditation room to be tried on piety.

This is how the Pope began: he said to Father McSwiney, who stood at the top of the class, "Say the Lord's Prayer."

Father McSwiney began in his low voice and after he had finished the Pope said, "What were you thinking about when you said it?"

"God," said Father McSwiney slowly.

"That's all right," said the Pope; "come here to me."

Father McSwiney walked up, his sacred face beaming with joy.

"Pax tecum," exclaimed the Pope, "you are the priest of all."

Father McSwiney smiled and looked round at the other novices as if to say, "What do you think of that?" at which the other novices were rather insulted.

"I'll make you a Jesuit if you like," exclaimed the Pope.

Father McSwiney said "Yes," and this is how he was made a Jesuit. First of all the Pope washed his face in holy water and oil and then blessed him; after that he gave him fresh clothes and the Jesuit habit.

"Now," said the Pope, "you must stay in this monastery till you have grown a beard and then will be a Jesuit."

When his beard had grown he felt rather stuffy and wished monks could go without beards. And then a great event was to happen in honour of his being a Jesuit. A lovely mass was to be said at which the ladies were only allowed to sing the *Kyrie*. When the mass was over a lovely breakfast took place in the Manresa gardens.

There was first some lovely Italian coffee which the Pope had brought with him and some French tea; and then in the middle of the whipped cream, as they were eating them, the Pope said, "Let us make speeches - you begin, Father McSwiney."

Father McSwiney got up on a chair and said, "Clergy, ladies and gentlemen, as I have been made a Jesuit I stand on this rickety chair to give you thanks for coming to the entertainment. I don't mean to say that I think myself pious because I am a Jesuit - I might be very wicked. Oh how well I remember the first day I was in this monastery; and here he felt very like crying, so he got off the rickety chair and the Pope gave him a bun and an ice-cream in honour of his nice speech.

Then the Pope made his speech, but he stood on a throne and said, "Domine vobiscum et cum spiritu tuo in nomine Patris et Filii etc. This is a happy day. I feel cold and joyous and I return thanks to the darling Father McSwiney who is so humble - he says he is wicked but ah! his goodness runs through my heart like sacramental wine."

Here the Pope began to weep violently, and nobody knew what for, but he managed to get off his throne, somehow, and the Archbishop lugged him into an armchair as he thought he was going to faint, and two bishops poured wine down his throat.

Between the acts they went out and had brandy and water and a pint of whisky toddy, and the Pope, although the Father of all Christians, thought it was quite necessary.

They did not enjoy Drury Lane as much as they thought they would, because the lady at the bar kissed her hand to Father McSwiney, and that they thought was very fast. So they immediately went to the Gaiety Restaurant to have a few mutton chops and fried soles.

In the middle of supper the Pope rang the bell for some mashed potatoes and gravy, and in came a red-faced tipsy waiter. The Pope was fairly astonished, and to show that he was so he poured two or three drops of water down the waiter's throat, and patted his back to see if it would make him come un-drunk, but it was no good.

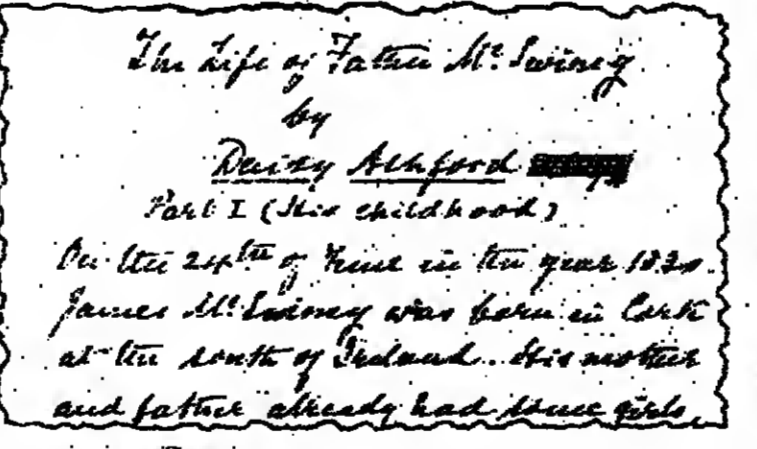
So what do you think that talented Father McSwiney did? He made the waiter sit in front of the fire till he got his right senses, and then he sat beside him on the sofa and gave him full instructions on not being drunk, while the Pope looked on and smoked a pipe. After that awful adventure they soon left that restaurant you may be sure.

That night these two were very unfortunate. They could not find a bed anywhere, so they wandered about the low streets of London till they saw a fat old man, who volunteered to give them a night's lodging in his Public...

Here a third of a page of the manuscript is torn off and missing... was rather... they caught fleas and went to sleep.

The next morning the Pope told Father McSwiney to go and teach in St Peter's College in Russia, and the good Pope went back to Rome after having had a merry trip, and then he left Father McSwiney with many tears and a little present of a pair of vestments and his photograph. And now Father McSwiney is very comfortable at Manresa where he first began his monkish life.

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Brief flowering of a girl of letters

The Father McSwiney story - part of the manuscript is shown above - reads another intriguing chapter to Daisy Ashford's brief but brilliant literary career. *The Young Visitors* was the product of her more mature years - written at the age of nine when her sisters were playing at shops at their home in Lewes, Sussex. But, like *Visitors*, *Father McSwiney* was put away in a drawer and forgotten; almost 30 years passed before it was published, with an introduction by J. M. Barrie. Because of the sophistication of much of its style and content, many readers believed it was he who had written it - one chased the publisher down Wigmore Street shouting: "Did he, or did she?" Barrie was reluctant to endorse the book but most critics agreed that even without his preface, it would have become a runaway success - at one stage it was selling thousands of copies a year. Daisy Ashford wrote several other stories, but her output virtually stopped when she went to convent school. The picture at left was taken in 1968, four years before her death at the age of 90.



Peter Nichols

In stitches but not laughing in the Casbah of Cures

Not the Peter Nichols. Not the one whose pertinent reports on modern Italy you may regularly read in these pages, the one whose wife - according to mine, who is often mistaken for her - gives memorable dinner parties in the hills above Rome.

No, I was until lately a playwright and once wrought a play called *The National Health*, staged - with some reluctance during Oliver's seasons at the Old Vic, all of 15 years ago, so that anyone under 30 will need to be told that it was a brilliant production with a large cast (20m, 10f) and gave a pretty grim impression of life in the medical ward of a London teaching hospital which I called the Sir Stafford Cripps. And anyone under 30 will need to be told that Stafford Cripps was the embodiment of post-war austerity.

The play had started from my own observations as a patient during three attempts to inflate a collapsed lung, but had become with each draft more ghoulish, a process I now see to be an error of judgment. Still it was nothing like as morbid as Orwell's essay *How the Poor Die*, which was to some extent my model. This told of his spell in a Paris hospital in the 1920s and dwelt on brutal remedies and casual death with a relish that Swift might have envied. Yet for all that, Orwell's widow was among many on the left who thought my play a reactionary attack on the health service.

In fact, I have never doubted that the NHS was an aspect of public life for which every British person could feel some pride. Being well established, it could not be harmed by criticism, only strengthened, so hardy and fruitful that no government would dare uproot it, so obviously right that private medicine would soon, like Marx's proletariat, wither away. We live and learn.

Brought down by a virus, needing a minor operation and faced with that intolerable waiting list, I have for the first time paid for treatment in Harley Street. The operation was carried out in the early morning, I woke from the general anaesthetic at 10 and looked out on a scene as hazy as any in Tehran or Kuwait. Burnouses and veils passed to and fro in this new Casbah of Cures. Fathers, leading their families to the right counter in this Harrods of Healing. And where did the shopkeepers learn their business? In those same National Health teaching hospitals which I had set up in that old play.

Perhaps the Aneurin Bevan would have been a better name for my ward because it was he, not Cripps, who swung the service on the BMA by exploiting a rift between surgeons

and physicians. Many welcomed it, of course, and most learnt to work within it and still do, moonlighting in Harley Street for only part of the working week. So why worry? If oil money subsidizes our national health, isn't that only Robin Hood in modern dress, a new distribution of wealth?

Who can blame a nurse for going private when her association has promised not to strike for better pay, believing their work to be outside politics, which of course no one's is. This tension will not hold. I do not believe that commercial medicine and a real public health service can live together for long.

The last nail in the coffin of communism as killed by the Soviets

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was the news that they now allow a sector of private medicine. An arc of privilege is no more necessary or welcome in health than in education. If Marxism is only to be an alternative view of history, most of us won't be concerned. What interests us is the practice of equality, which notion Mary McAuliffe said was irresistible. In a world that values only profit, either commercial medicine or a public health service must wither away. The question now is, which?

We all know about waiting lists - I hear that a hernia may be done in seven years. An elderly woman friend of my mother's spent her savings on a hip operation that enabled her to leave the house. For advice on how to live with tinnitus, I would have had to wait two years - or two months if I paid. I not only bought my way up the queue but got a general rather than a local. "How the poor get cured" is as urgent now as how they die. And "who are the poor?" is another question.

Drinking a post-operative coffee after signing my cheque, I browsed through the brochures. A new scheme aims to attract British customers by offering twin-bedded rooms at a cost that will come within the range of the private insurance companies. So now even the better-off British are - by the standards of Messrs Leech and Stanboods - the official poor. Com back, Stafford Cripps, all is forgiven.

Roy Strong

Now a golden oldie road report

Whatever I am doing about the house, whether struggling in the kitchen or writing a topical peacecock, I always have one ear cocked to Radio 4. What other service gives such extensive coverage of the arts as *Kaleidoscope* or the immediacy of *Today*, a programme that sets you up with all you need to know for the next 24 hours?

But, passionate devotee though I am, I have a complaint to which, I hope, the BBC's new chairman, Stuart Young, will address himself: repeats.

I have always accepted that *The Archers* has to be repeated, in fact three times in all. But now, increasingly evoking a scream, a shout of "Not again" and a flick of the off-switch, the practice being extended to other programmes that formerly went out once only.

During the silly season especially, I suppose, impoverished planners have to paper over the odd hour or two at bargain basement prices. But can that really justify editing Richard Baker's entertaining *Start the Week* on Monday morning and broadcasting it again the same evening?

Robert Robinson's irritating vehicle for the opinionated, *Stop the Week* - thankfully off the air for the moment - is repeated only four hours after its first transmission on Saturday evenings to ensure that we don't miss any crumb of its perpetual demolition of everything from gardening to old-fashioned good manners.

Plays are endlessly repeated, though the intervals are much longer. Often a play strikes a familiar but disconnected note in the memory; phrases float around in the recesses of the mind trying vainly to be placed. But all is revealed at the end when the announcer tells us that the play was last broadcast in 1976 or 1981 or 1965.

Concerts share the same fate, although music by its very nature is one long repeat, so it is far less obtrusive. It is repeats involving words that really nag.

The repeat cycle at its most devastating can begin on Monday with an extract from the programme devoted to what's in store for us during the coming week. There will be the programme itself and its repeat, then perhaps another dose in Margaret Howard's *Pick of the Week* on Friday evening - with a repeat on Saturday morning. Add to this sections used as trailers and one can be hearing either a whole programme or chunks of it up to eight or nine times within seven days.

Then, of course, there are the programmes devoted to recycling old material. The BBC archives have

proved to be a goldmine for every variety of reruns. There is straight comedy like the present Sunday lunchtime replays of shows mostly from the 1960s and early 1970s. Joyous in their heyday, they now do a positive disservice to Kenneth Horne, Kenneth Williams and Betty Marsden, their mainstays. Time has moved on so much that their topical



allusion are as remote as those in *The Shoemaker's Holiday*.

But the archive offers much more than that to the purveyors of nostalgia. With judicious editing and the addition of a commentary, "new" programmes can be created from dusty old recordings. The voices of the great can be cobbled into radio portraits and the vanished worlds of music hall or musical comedy made to live again.

It would be interesting to have the statistics on repeats. Is it my imagination or have they increased dramatically in the past five years?

And with the BBC's diminishing resources, where will it lead? At the moment it looks as though Radio 4 could become one gigantic feast of repeats, apart from the News; and I sometimes suspect there must be regrets at Broadcasting House that even this cannot be repeated.

Perhaps it could be. After all old news is safer; its disasters no longer devastate, its threats no longer ruffe.

And why not repeat old weather reports? The same applies to them. In fact, why not give over a whole wavelength to repeats and provide more time on Radio 4 for something new? It might be less frustrating in the end for planners and listeners alike.

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WORRIED NEIGHBOURS

Mexico is more important to the United States than Israel, the whole of the Middle East, and probably Europe too. That importance may not be recognized explicitly tomorrow when President Reagan meets President Miguel de la Madrid in La Paz. Their discussions, it is said, will concern developments in Central America. Behind those discussions, however, there is a tacit acceptance that the fate of the two countries has become even more interwoven, so that both would suffer from any continuous disagreement over what to do in Central America.

Unfortunately that disagreement already exists in a form which may not allow resolution. The view from Washington is that developments in Central America could ultimately subvert Mexico. The Mexicans resent this attitude as one more manifestation of American paternalism. However, American suspicion of Mexican stability is long standing and well founded in view of recent Mexican developments - the scale of its problems and the unpredictable and mysterious nature of its politics. The collapse of Mexican stability, leading to insurrection, revolution, or just a prolonged period of economic and social disintegration cannot feature in any exchange of courtesies between the presidents, but it features in the minds of American policy-makers.

The effect on the United States of such a collapse in Mexico would be very serious. The two countries share a common frontier of 1600 miles. Their economies are similarly bound together. The United States is Mexico's main trading partner, the destination and source for more than three-quarters of Mexico's trade. Mexico has replaced the Middle East as the principal foreign source of American oil, while the United States in turn supplies Mexico with 82 per cent of its imports. There is an estimated \$7 billion

of direct US investment in Mexico.

So, regardless of geo-politics, the United States has considerable vested interest in the performance of the Mexican economy. Washington has watched with justifiable concern the mismanagement of that economy by the last President, and the difficult stabilization programme of President de la Madrid. The Mexicans, for their part, can legitimately claim that the performance of the US economy has a critical impact on their own through the rise in interest rates which costs Mexico \$700m for each percentage point rise, given Mexico's need to service its huge international debt.

The Cuban revolution has already caused hundreds of thousands of refugees to flee to the United States. Social disintegration in El Salvador and Nicaragua has now created a new exodus of refugees to Southern Mexico and the United States. Today's difficulties would be tiny compared to the massive upheaval across the US-Mexican border should Mexico's indecipherable policy start to disintegrate, under the pressure of Cuban-inspired subversion spreading from Central America, and the strain of economic austerity at home.

Last year the United States received nearly 900,000 illegal immigrants across the border from Mexico. Legal crossings each year now exceed 200,000,000. The border is not controllable. Moreover, a Mexican Government dedicated to mischief-making could aggravate its relations with the United States by laying claim to territory beyond its border with as legitimate a basis for the claim as the Argentine one to the Falklands - in other words rhetorically questionable, but rhetorically popular in Latin America. It is symptomatic of the Mexican unwillingness to share Washington's concern for these

matters that the Mexican Government prefers to maintain the status quo on the border, even though it festers in their bilateral relations. Mexicans seem to consider that it is a necessary safety valve within Mexico, to allow a sufficient number of its citizens to escape their social and economic difficulties by illegal emigration to the United States. That does not say much for Mexico's self-confidence in its future capacity to manage its own society in the face of further infection from Central America.

The trouble with Mexico is that the presidential system introduced with the 1917 Constitution does not provide for any real popular participation in presidential politics other than in the most formal sense of regular elections. The President is elected without having to reveal either his policies or the base of his political support. It is true that Mexico has avoided the military intervention that has characterized the rest of Latin America, but the health of this secretive, unpredictable and inherently arbitrary system of leadership cannot be taken for granted in the face of the sustained instability of most other countries in the region.

Under the influence of oil revenues the State has become more centralized in its planning. Mexico's leaders are more technocratic and less populist. That might augur well for the management of its economy in terms which would find favour with the IMF. But the nightmare for some Washington officials is that Mexico's technocrats will discover that they are as out of touch with the scale of disaffection in the rural areas of their country as were the Shah's managers in Iran. It cannot be pleasant for Washington policy makers to visualize a future for the United States sharing a common frontier with a neighbour of 73 million inhabitants vulnerable to such political volatility.

VOTING WITH THEIR WALLET

It is not simply because it is fair (though it is) that Mr Norman Tebbit intends to give trade union members the right by law to decide, through a compulsory ballot, whether or not their union should have a political fund. The object behind the ballot is also the political one of quickening the decline of the Labour Party, and perhaps also assisting the realignment of the left in a way that makes it more responsive to Labour's traditional voters, and also more conducive to political stability.

To this end, Mr Tebbit intends to write a firm and early date for the first ballot on the political fund into his forthcoming trade union bill, though no firm date will be given for the more complex change of ballots or union governing bodies. Unions will be obliged by law to ask their rank-and-file whether here should be a political fund, and to put this question within a year after the bill has received the Royal Assent, which is expected to be between April and June of next year.

If the ballot had not been held by the given date, the existence of the fund would be illegal and Conservative trade unionists could, and would, challenge it in the courts. The virtual certainty that it could be successfully challenged, and the fact that it is an entirely open question how trade unionists would vote nowadays explain why the ballot is realistic as well as fair. For in one sense this is an exercise in political expediency, it also meets the changed facts of public life.

Twenty years ago, even ten, no Conservative government would have contemplated imposing a ballot on political funds because they would have known that it is pointless. Then as now it could have been fair, then as now it would have been reasonable to be sceptical about figures which suggest that in some unions practically the whole of the membership want to pay the political levy. Everyone knew then, as now, that some unions

have their ways of making contracting out very difficult. But even so, until very recently, such a ballot would never have separated the majority of trade unionists from Labour, which they regarded as their own party, whatever its faults. Ballots on political funds would merely have registered the solidity of individual trade unionists support for Labour.

Now it is self-evidently different. Increasingly, trade union leaderships do not properly represent their ordinary members, and the voting figures for the Conservative and Alliance parties show the decline of trade unionist loyalty to Labour. The system by which union leaders can affiliate to the Labour Party as many millions of their members as they have funds to buy votes with, and use those votes to swing Labour policy to the left, is clearly a political abuse. The system was always theoretically unfair but that did not matter when trade unionists fully supported the way in which their money was used. Now it is questionable how far they do and it is right for them to have the chance to say. They can still vote for a political fund (which will be used to support Labour) if they wish, and for the time being, almost certainly, the great majority of unions still will.

To make the change fair, Mr Tebbit ought to act in precisely the same way to ensure that shareholders of companies periodically sanction gifts to political parties, in practice the Tories. The majority of shareholders will still probably approve such donations, certainly so long as Labour poses a threat to the private sector. So far it does not seem that Whitehall has been set to work to determine how this should be done, but the kites flown by Mr Tebbit and Mr Cecil Parkinson that they are prepared to act on companies' political donations ought to be followed up.

The immediate purpose of the ballot is to put a stop to the automatic provision which en-

ables union leaders to use their members' funds as 18th century political patrons used their rotten boroughs, whether the majority of their members like it or not. The fact that the consequences of the ballot are largely unpredictable is itself a justification for the change. The bill will only require each member to be asked whether he or she supports a political fund. It will not require them to be asked which party that fund should support. But there is no reason why unions should not put that question also, and there may be increasing pressure on some to do so.

Though the bill is only concerned with the automaticity of funding, behind it lies the further thought that the ballot may assist the rise of the SDP in place of Labour. Before the election the Conservatives were reluctant to say or do anything that might promote the SDP for fear that it might harm them and bring a hung parliament. But the election has established that the Alliance mainly takes votes from Labour, and as Labour's post-election decline and leftwards swing have quickened, more defections seem likely and the chances of an augmented SDP replacing Labour have entered the realm of the possible.

Some ministers at least have therefore come to see the desirability of this in order that the free and mixed society which Mrs Thatcher seeks to establish should not be overturned, and they would be happy to see the SDP swap places with Labour by the next election. However, the ballot for union funds assures the SDP of nothing. Though it could eventually bring the new party some support its virtue is that it is a permissive bill, and it will be fascinating to see what use some unions (the white-collar ASTMS, or the electricians) make of it. It cannot be wrong to give them a chance of a little more say over what happens to their money now that a wholly new question hangs over politics and their true opinions.

and that we cease to import such a high proportion of manufactured goods. This will not be achieved by merely adjusting taxes and interest rates, so what is to be done? Hitherto the Government has always said that it cannot create jobs but will create the conditions for industry to provide employment. On this policy the Government should be looking for answers to these three questions rather than trying to pinpoint particular job opportunities. Yours faithfully, D. A. BELL, 87 East End, Wokington, Bedfordshire, August 5.

Paid jobs for all
From Professor D. A. Bell
Sir, It does not need high-powered research to answer this question in general terms. Some could be traditional jobs if traditional economic activity revives. Some will arise in the development of "new technology", but these will be predominantly for those with intellectual skills: it was acknowledged in a December, 1984, White Paper (A New Training Initiative: A Programme for Action, Cmnd 8455) that jobs will be more plentiful at the level of technician and above than below. The historical trend, which is already visible in other countries besides the UK, is

A better deal for those on remand

From Ms Jill Cove
Sir, The news item by Peter Evans (August 4) on the plight of remand prisoners must surely give rise to a number of questions in the minds of all caring people.

Many of these remand prisoners will eventually be acquitted of the charges against them, or, if convicted, will be dealt with by non-custodial sentences. They will have no opportunity to claim compensation for the degrading treatment received whilst on remand.

To allow remand prisoners to remain in police cells, where conditions are even more cramped, unhygienic and de-humanising than prisons, is nothing if not intolerable. To learn that some are manacled together during their 15 minutes' exercise is even more atrocious.

The £1.4m that has been spent during the first two months of this financial year could and should have been reallocated to provide more bail accommodation, not only in hostels administered by the Probation Service, but also those run by the voluntary organisations.

Sentences should be reminded again of the need for a presumption for granting bail, even though many seem to accept police opposition to bail without apparent question.

Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, has gone on record as saying that he is determined to stop the use of police cells to house remand prisoners by the end of the year. So far, there has been no evidence of a proposal as to how this will happen. In any case, members of this association believe that four months is too long to wait.

Yours faithfully,
JILL COVE, Vice-Chairman,
National Association of Probation Officers,
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Battersea, SW11,
August 4.

Parents and Pill

From Dr David Cowper
Sir, I have read your leading article, entitled "Parents and the Pill" (July 27) and found that you put forward both sides of the discussion cogently, but I do not think the writer can have been a doctor who has been directly faced with a request for contraception from a girl who is under the age of sixteen.

Firstly, I would say that in my own experience it is a relatively rare occurrence. Usually by the time someone of this age group asks for contraception they have already been sexually active. There are a smaller minority who take "the pill" merely to keep up with their peer group and are not sexually active. In the past I have delivered more than one 13-year-old of her first baby and a 14-year-old of her second baby. I admit that these types of confinement are rare, but are never the less traumatic for all concerned, including the doctor.

I would suggest that prescribing contraception to sexually active girls could sensibly be construed as good preventive medicine.

As far as I know there is no published evidence which shows that a girl or young woman using an oral contraceptive is therefore more liable to be promiscuous. I think Mrs Gillick would have a justifiable case if she could show that doctors are actively persuading their younger female patients to use contraception against the wishes of the patient. I do not believe that any of my colleagues are adopting this type of behaviour.

It appears that girls who are sexually active early in their lives often come from homes where communication within the family has been poor, or has broken down. I believe that having legal sanctions to back up parents would almost certainly limit discussion within the family even more. It might also act as a lure for physically mature, but emotionally immature adolescents, on the basis that "forbidden fruit" are often more tempting and challenging. Yours faithfully,
DAVID COWPER,
33 Chaville Avenue, S.W.15.

First Jewish MP

From Mr Alan Searle
Sir, With all due deference to Mr Stephen Shack's letter (August 1), it would nevertheless seem that the first Jewish MP, at least to fulfil his duties, albeit with rather unusual results, was Sir David Salomons, sometime Lord Mayor of London.

He was elected as a Liberal member for Greenwich in 1851, taking his seat and voting in the House without being sworn in the statutory way, for which offence he was fined £500. Yours sincerely,
ALAN SEARLE,
67 Fitzgarden Road, E11.

A Nicaraguan treaty

From Mr Frank Griffith Dawson
Sir, The letter from Mr Jeremy Corbyn, MP, and others (August 1) concludes that Britain has a responsibility to find a peaceful solution to the Central American crisis. Their argument would have been more effective had they identified with greater precision the grounds upon which that responsibility rests.

During the eighteenth century English colonists settled along the Caribbean coastlines of Honduras and Nicaragua, where they were shielded from Spanish attack by the fierce Mosquito Indians. Even after the settlements were abandoned in 1785, English traders from Belize continued to cultivate the Mosquito friendship.

In 1842 Mosquito King Robert Charles Frederick died, leaving a will appointing the Belize Superintendent Regent of his kingdom during the minority of his heir.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Striking a balance in medical needs

From the President of the Institute of Health Service Administrators

Sir, Your well informed leader, "Balance sheet of medicine" (August 4), rightly drew attention to the need for more truth and frankness by both Government and health authorities in considering how to meet growing demands in times of increasing financial stringency. More and more the debate ought to be about alternative priorities and standards of care, not about clever ways to balance the books or meet the centrally imposed manpower targets.

None the less, it is important that the public know the full extent of what you rightly describe as the developments which have been taking place since the election. While there has been a good deal of debate on the possible effects of the recent financial cuts (£140m in the current year), it is still not known whether they are to be recurring, but health authorities are increasingly fearing the worst and planning accordingly.

In addition, substantial NHS manpower reduction targets were announced just before the parliamentary recess and so far these have received very little public attention.

Health authorities are currently considering how best to meet a total staff reduction of 6,000 to 8,000 from the position last March, by next April. While just under one per cent of the total NHS labour force, this is in excess of the reductions required by the financial cuts: it has to be achieved in under six months, despite low current staff turnover and anticipated strong trade union resistance and will detract from the efforts being made by NHS man-

agers to find the most cost-effective solutions.

As your leader points out, the targets increase central control, despite the Government's stated aim for the recent reorganisation "to ensure that as many decisions as possible are taken by local health authorities" (Patients First, HMSO, 1979). The targets could produce the ludicrous effect of authorities paying out more, either to their own staff who, while reduced in number, will earn more by increases in bonus or overtime payments to cover the work, or to contractors, not because they are cheaper, but because they employ staff who will not count against the authorities' targets.

In either case the net effect will be less resources for patient services and already some authorities are postponing priority developments for which they have the funds, while others may have to reduce services further than they need to keep within their cash limits.

The NHS is used to living with financial uncertainty and has consistently improved its productivity. NHS managers understand that they may well have to operate with fewer resources while continuing to develop agreed priority services. They are more likely to do so, without resorting to the Whips Cross type of restrictive solution, if they are allowed to develop their own most cost-effective plans without constant fluctuations in their resource assumptions and arbitrary central controls.

Yours faithfully,
R. M. NICHOLLS, President,
The Institute of Health Service Administrators,
75 Portland Place, W1.

Harvest of change

From Lord Walston

Sir, It is out of time to stop trying to pin solely on farmers the blame for changes in the countryside? Can we not face the fact that the whole of England, rural and urban, is passing through a period of rapid change, some of it unwelcome to one minority group or another, but most of it bringing benefit to the majority?

There are many things that I, as a relatively prosperous countryman, might regret. My nearest town, Cambridge, is very different from what it was when I was young. Old buildings have disappeared and been replaced by large, and usually ugly, office blocks. Small shops and cheerful shopkeepers have gone, and instead are impersonal supermarkets and chain stores. Cars can no longer park in uncluttered streets, but must go to multi-storey car parks.

The village, that I have known all my life, is twice the size it was 40 years ago. Cottages formerly lived in by farm workers and their families are now enlarged and modernized, the homes of commuters or retired people from far away. Paddockes where a few cows used to graze are now sites for bungalows. Ponds and

water courses regularly dry up in the summer because of water extraction for the use of distant towns.

Others, less fortunate than I, suffer from motor-ways or by-passes bisecting their land or running within yards of their formerly peaceful gardens. Some have airports on their doorsteps.

All these things, like modern farming methods, noisy bird scarers (far less noisy than motor-bikes), continue working late at night (that never more than two or three times a year), are essential parts of a dynamic scene. They bring annoyance and sadness to some, usually the comfortably-off and middle-aged or elderly.

But even to these people, and still more to millions who are less fortunate, they have brought the prosaic advantages of running water, indoor sanitation, ease of access to different and lovely scenery - and an assured supply of food, the cost of which has risen less than that of most of the other things on which we spend our money.

Yours truly,
WALSTON,
Town's End Springs,
Thripole,
Royston, Hertfordshire,
August 10.

Criminal evidence

From Sir David Napley

Sir, Mr Douglas Hurd's carefully phrased answer (August 2) to my letter (July 20), will simply not do. There may be a basic Home Office circular to the police recommending that scientific findings, having a bearing on the case, should be made available by the police to the defence, but in 46 years' experience of criminal justice I cannot recall a single case in which it has so far happened.

Mr Hurd asserts that in summary trials the results of any examination which the prosecution proposes to use in evidence are supplied to the defence. Apart from certificates as to excess alcohol in drink driving cases this is not correct.

It has been the procedure for many years, under the Magistrates Courts Act, for copies of statements to be supplied in advance of the committal proceedings. This has nothing to do with the laboratories and the expenditure of cases of the scientific statements are so worded or edited that the masters which may assist the defence are not generally self-evident.

The Attorney General's guidelines for cases to be tried on indictment are relatively few. Unhappily, up to this stage nothing has been guided in my direction in any case with which I have been concerned.

If the Home Office desire to achieve justice why must these recommendations be made to the police? Why cannot the defence have direct access to the laboratories without going through the police? Why are the scientific laboratories not made independent of the police?

Finally, why does Mr Hurd think it entirely reasonable that a Home Office scientist is not allowed to consider, and give evidence in regard to, a specimen which has been the subject of report by another Home Office scientist? Scientists, including the laboratories, make mistakes and often form a different opinion on scientific artefacts.

If justice is the objective why is it reasonable to prevent a different scientific Government laboratory, from being presented to the Court?

Yours truly,
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Theatre museum

From Mrs Jack Emery

Sir, Mr Hodson's (August 6) refers to cultural activities and the heritage as an optional extra to be paid for only when the nation has already paid for its defence, education, health and social welfare. In so doing, he perpetuates a fundamentally erroneous view of national priorities and one that does much harm to the arts.

The claims of all components in our national life must legitimately exist side by side. It is the interplay between them that defines the character of British society at any one time. And the values of that society are continually expressed

and challenged in what we call "the arts," our traditions of literature and criticism, of music and the visual and performance arts.

The idea that the storing of "theatrical ephemera" is crucial to the national interest can easily be ridiculed. So can a consignment of bedspans or a delivery of ground sheets. That is to miss the larger point of national cultural identity.

What price education with no new writers or playwrights? What price health and welfare with no sustaining cultural values? What price defence when there's nothing left to defend?

Yours faithfully,
JOAN BAKEWELL,
20 Chalcut Square, NW1.

Making a charge for forecasts

From Sir Henry Smith

Sir, The leading article in today's Times (August 10) headed "Everybody's weather," reminds me of a period many years ago when we gave much thought to the underlying problem. I then occupied a post in the Air Ministry.

The basic dilemma is this: the Meteorological Office, at considerable cost, produces an "output" which is both non-material and, for the most part, of ephemeral value. Either this output is of value or it is not. If it isn't, then the Met Office should be abolished. But if it is, as is demonstrably the case, then to the extent that it is not made use of, money spent on the Met Office is being wasted.

It can indeed be argued that having spent a large sum of money in producing this potentially valuable information, the sensible thing to do is to spend more money, if necessary, to ensure that the effort has not been wasted: to see that the information is used as widely as is economically and socially profitable.

It was not easy to convert these principles into practice. As far as I can remember, we decided that the general output of the Met Office should be freely available to all and that every help should be given to the press and broadcasting authorities to disseminate it as widely as possible; and that only where special arrangements had to be made to meet an industrial or commercial requirement should a charge be levied.

On this basis it would be wrong, I think, to seek by whatever means to raise a charge against members of the public who ask questions by telephone and thus assist forecasters to make better use of their expensively-acquired ephemeral information.

Yours faithfully,
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Atlee's Korean policy

From Professor Alan Thompson

Sir, General Sir Anthony Farrar-Hockley's lucid article today (Special Report, July 27) on the Korean war clearly makes his forthcoming book on the subject obligatory reading for all students of postwar political, military and economic history. I would add only one observation to his treatment of the British involvement in this war. This was the crucial role of the Prime Minister, Mr Clement Atlee.

His decisive leadership in the Cabinet led to the immediate despatch of two battalions (two months ahead of our promised brigade group) to defend the Naktong river where, as Sir Anthony points out, a brave and skillful North Korean force was on the verge of breaking through.

As a young Labour parliamentary candidate in 1950 I knew something of the intense opposition to Mr Atlee's stand from within his own party. Throughout all this pressure and manoeuvring, Mr Atlee remained cool, consistent and determined. The fury of his opponents, at party conferences and elsewhere, failed to move this quiet, implacable man from his chosen course of action.

Mr Atlee did not believe that the problems of Asia could be solved by military victory. Furthermore, his experience at Gallipoli in the First War left him with no illusions as to the sufferings and sacrifices of war. As far as the South Korean regime was concerned he never believed that Mr Syngman Rhee was a reincarnation of Abraham Lincoln or a dedicated reader of John Stuart Mill's essay On Liberty. He also had grave misgivings (as did President Truman) about General MacArthur.

What he did know, however (from the tragedy of Eastern Europe) was that, under Stalin, a larger Britain threatened the world. His prompt despatch of a military force helped to avert this threat.

In domestic political terms, Mr Atlee's achievement was outstanding. He committed the Labour Party firmly to a policy of collective security against aggression and gave it new confidence in its role in world affairs. Yours faithfully,
ALAN THOMPSON,
11 Upper Gray Street,
Edinburgh,
July 27.

Missing the point

From Mr John Bennett

Sir, Like Mr Yorke (August 9) I have noticed many new opportunities afforded by the absence of punctuation on signs. Many farms in the Home Counties owe offer the chance to "Pick your own car park".

In truth, the comma has merely been redeployed as an apostrophe. For example, at Glasgow Central station a list (without commas) of stations served includes Milton Keynes. Yours faithfully,
JOHN BENNETT,
97 Woodlands Avenue,
Wanstead, E11,
August 9.

Intimations of mortality

From Mr M. O. Carruthers

Sir, "Those socks," observed my wife, cycling first the pair I was wearing and then my nether regions, "are on their last legs". Yours sincerely,
M. O. CARRUTHERS,
Fisherman's Creek,
Pillbury Hill,
Noss Mayo,
Plymouth,
August 1.

COURT AND SOCIAL

SOCIAL NEWS

Princess Anne will attend the Royal Counties Veterinary Association's centenary dinner at the Castle Hotel, Windsor, on November 15.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C. G. S. Calcutt and Miss N. J. Thornton. The engagement is announced between Christopher, only son of Mr Patrick Calcutt and the late Mrs Joan Calcutt, of Sutton Scovelles, Hampshire, and Nicola, eldest daughter of Mr Robert Thornton, of Chew Stoke, Avon, and the late Mrs Joan Thornton.

Marriage

The Hon Julian Gibson-Watt and Mrs Wallace-Clifford. The marriage took place quietly in London yesterday of the Hon Julian Gibson-Watt, eldest son of Lord and Lady Gibson-Watt, of Doldowlod, Wales, and Mrs Marie-Therese Wallace-Clifford, widow of Mr Anton Wallace-Clifford and daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael McQuade, of Newarhill, Lanarkshire.

Latest appointments. Mr Jack Gill to be Secretary of the Export Credit Guarantee Department. In succession to Mr Kenneth Taylor, who retires at the end of September.

Service dinner. RAF Binbrook. A guest night was held last night at RAF Binbrook to dine out departing officers. Group Captain R. L. Barclay was the principal speaker and Squadron Leader T. M. Holloway presided.

Jumble bargain. Two Japanese prints found tucked inside a book were sold at Phillips to Edinburgh yesterday for £3,600. The book had been bought for about £1 at a Scotch jumble sale.

Latest wills. Garside, Mrs Edith May, of Hampton, Middlesex, £459,840. Haslam, Mr Frederick Henry Thomas, of Wollaton, Nottingham, £246,828.

electronics Education Programme in Bristol on November 21. Princess Anne will dine with east and west officers of the 14th/20th King's Hussars at the Cavalry and Guards Club on November 21.

Birthdays

TODAY: Dame Elizabeth Adcock, 72; Miss Sheila Armstrong, 41; Air Marshal Sir Michael Beavis, 54; Sir John Bunting, 65; Vice-Admiral Sir Henry Burrell, 70; Sir E. Moore Crosswhite, 70; Mr A. P. Fifth, 55; Air Vice-Marshal K. V. Garside, 70; Mr R. D. Jackson, 38; Major Sir Rennie Maudslay, 68; Lord Oram, 70; Sir James Richards, 76; Lord Sainsbury, 81; Dr F. Sanger, CH, 65; Air Chief Marshal Sir Denis Smallwood, 65.



The Duke of Devonshire's party preparing for the first day of grouse shooting yesterday at Bolton Abbey. From left: Lord Tollermeche, Mr Richard Beckett, the Earl of Burlington (kneeling), the Marquess of Cholmondeley, the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, Lord Vestey, Eddie Tennant (with dog), Sir Martyn Beckett, the Marquess of Hartington and the Hon Toby Tennant. (Photograph: John Voos).

Church news

Appointments. The Rev G. Atkinson, Rector of St John the Baptist, Hildesheim, to be Rector of St Andrew, Worcester; to be also an honorary Canon of Worcester, same diocese.

Kenneth Leach Politics of the Magnificat

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, celebrated throughout most of the Christian world on Monday, is not a feast to arouse wild enthusiasm among English Christians. In fact, the dogma of the Assumption is a development of that of Resurrection. As Christ is the first fruits of the harvest of the dead, so his Mother, the God-bearer, is raised up to share in the risen life of the glorified Body of Christ. As in the Resurrection of Christ, so in the Assumption of Mary, it is the whole personality, the soma, which is raised.



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Dunvegan echoes to pipers' fine lament

Ten pipers competed on Thursday night in Dunvegan Castle in the seventeenth MacCrimmon Memorial Pibroch recital for the silver chanter. The event was instituted by the late Dame Flora Macleod of Macleod in commemoration of the silver chanter, said to have been presented to the Macleods of the piper by a fairy in the sixteenth century.

Percy Thrower wins again, reluctantly

Mr Percy Thrower yesterday won Shrewsbury Flower Show's supreme award for the fifth successive year. The retired Shrewsbury parks superintendent and broadcaster drew the ultimate accolade from the judges who said his display of blooms, made up of a million blooms, had 'surpassed all previous displays'.

OBITUARY LORD WIGG

Controversial commitment to security and Army affairs

Lord Wigg, PC, who died in London on August 11 at the age of 82, was an active figure in politics for many years, and reached the peak of his influence during the period from 1964 to 1967, when he was Paymaster-General in the governments of Mr Harold Wilson, as he then was.

Wigg's exact responsibilities in this position were never exactly defined, though efforts were frequently made to find out what they were. What was known was that he was very close to Wilson, that he was responsible for keeping Wilson informed about developments within the Labour Party, and that he took a particular interest in matters of security and in defence in general.

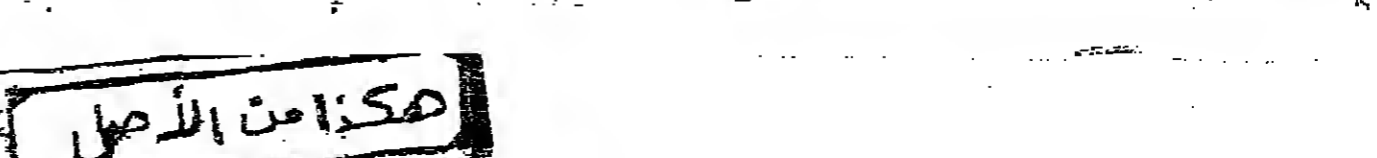
PROFESSOR F. J. DANIELS

Professor Frank James Daniels, Professor Emeritus of Japanese in the University of London, died in his home on August 9 at the age of 83. He had retired from his post at the London School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) in 1967.

MR PERCY DALTON

Mr Percy Dalton who died at his home in Jersey on August 9 at the age of 75, began working life in his teens selling fruit and vegetables from a barrow off the Commercial Road in London's East End and became a reputed millionaire.

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THE ARTS

Television

Basic humours by accident

The first of four comics to explore the roots of his humour in the new series Comic Roots on BBC 1, Michael Palin of the Monty Python team, traced its beginnings back to a father who used to place fake dog messes on the carpet shortly before guests were expected. Palin's sense of humour as a child was similarly basic. His best friend's parents recalled that his favourite job was to be a lavatory attendant, and that some of the rhymes he made up were rather rude. His old geography master, who obviously hadn't heard them, remembered him as "a clever boy, quiet, not humorous really - but of course we didn't have that kind of humour in those days, did we?"

Clare Colvin

WEEKEND CHOICE

A Complex Heart (tomorrow, BBC 2, 8.10pm), an essay on Gustave Flaubert by Julian Barnes, embellished with lush pictures by the cameraman John Elce, is all the better for its lively rejection of the academic approach. Flaubert the man is here as powerfully as Flaubert the writer. And so strongly is he here in Mr Barnes's commentary that, with all due respect to the actor Richard Brehl who is got up to look like Flaubert and confides quotations to the camera to considerable dramatic effect, Mr Barnes is really the only other living person whose presence on screen is indispensable. If, as Mr Barnes assures us, Flaubert is the literary icon to which he has referred since he was 15, then he does not prostrate himself before his idol. Rather, he views the icon with a respectful, ironic eye ("Graham Greene has referred to the writer's need to have a chip of ice at the bottom of his heart. Sometimes, Flaubert seems to have a whole refrigerator down there."). And there is an irresistible final flourish in Mr Barnes's reminder that, on

Peter Davalle

Radio

No appetite for Main Course

"Good God," we said, "What's this?" The day was last Saturday, the time soon after 8.30 pm and we had just switched on the car radio in an attempt to ease an endless journey down the length of the M4. We found ourselves in the opening minutes of what was plainly a Saturday Night Theatre and one in which the early indications were unpromising. The reasons for this soon took shape. The dialogue strove for sharpness and did not quite make it; actors, well aware of falling short, pushed their lines accordingly. The quality of the writing sounded even worse than it was. There emerged the outline of a rather forced story about a lady running a cordon bleu home catering service whose impact on the lives of her clients extended beyond the gastro-intestinal tract. I now see that the note of effortful desperation in the dialogue was occasioned by its attempt (like a pair of ill-inflated water-wings) to keep this note too buoyant from afloat. By now, mercifully, my front seat passenger had fallen asleep, but the other, I am well aware, was listening with growing disbelief and I found myself blushing for those high standards of radio drama in defence of which I have more than once bent his ear. We stopped at Membury service area and the sound died with the engine followed by muttered impressions from the back seat. When we set off again, no one suggested that we broke the now blessed radio silence. On Sunday morning I referred to the Radio Times and found we had been listening to a rather well cast programme from Bristol: Madam Main Course by Peter Teron (director, Shaun MacLoughlin). Had I known of the author and the actors while I listened, might I not have done a little bending over backwards to find virtue? Almost certainly. Dramatic honour was redeemed by Gilly Fraser's Somewhere Else (Radio 4, Aug 1 and 7; director, Kay Patrick in Manchester) a play set in a not too distant future and in the wake of some catastrophe - probably a major explosion at Windscale - referred to as The Accident. It was plain that Britain had become a kind of police state with labour camps, extermination centres for blacks and other such trimmings. The play's strength lay in the fact that this very nasty situation (from which a poisoned sea precluded escape to the "some-

David Wade

Cowardice Ambassadors

Once upon a time in the West End, the star-part play was almost a genre in itself. Playwrights often wrote them for spouses: Marion Lorne, Constance Cummings, Hugh Williams.

Theatre

A grave mistake

Lawrence they have to be unemployed theatre buffs living in a dream world. So, in the theatre where the Master gave a celebrated prompt from his stage-box on the opening night of Hay Fever and fumed when Gingsold and Baddeley went a bit too far in Fallen Angels, Ian McKellen and Janet Suzman now play a brother and sister in a Peckham basement rehearsing a Cowardish play, supposedly dictated by Sir Noel from the grave, with champagne bottles full of supermarket ginger ale.

hearing for decades, attaches no special importance to great classical roles or the theatre in general.

Sean Mathias, the author, is an actor and how much it shows in this nostalgia for something that many of us love, but not in this way. That, however, is as much point as the play has; that and the related interplay between theatrical fantasy and the reality of meeting fellow-actors in the dole queue, or on shopping trips pilfering sardines. There is even an attempt to carry into Private Lives the squalid world of incontinent old women and a paraplegic squashed by a bus in his wheelchair.



Ian McKellen, Janet Suzman

Promenade Concert

L2 cenerentola Albert Hall/Radio 3

Glyndebourne's new Cenerentola, which Paul Grubis has proclaimed on this page a month ago, arrived last night at the Albert Hall, though John Cox's demit-semi-staging on a sloping dais above the orchestra had about as much in common with his Sussex toy-theatre fantasy as dank corridors and tins of Coke have with greenward and champagne.

mannequins; and the male chorus, in spruce and vigorous voice under the watchful eye of Jane Glover, were lined up at the back in their EUs - just as if it were already Sunday and the St John Passion - only to leap into action, prancing on the spot as Dandini's knights, or hovering around Don Magnifico as a flutter of Italian waiters.

beginning has been a particularly strong cast. Indeed, a performance of the order of Claudio Desderi's Don Magnifico: every tiny gesture of face and voice articulating and rolling out his smugness, deceit and frustration, argued in itself for the adequacy of straight concert performance. His double act and that of Laurence Dale's Ramiro with Alberto Rinaldi's delightfully dry, patterning Dandini, were little sours de force, while Roderick Kennedy towered physically and vocally as Alidoro.

Hilary Finch

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MARKET REPORT

US fears subdue trading

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings begin Monday. Dealings end, Sept 2. Contango Day, Sept 5. Settlement Day, Sept 12.

The market ended the account on a very subdued note as nervousness ahead of the United States money supply figures rekindled fears of higher US interest rates. This was despite the better performance seen in New York bond markets on Thursday.

The government broker took advantage of a minor rally in gilt prices to issue a new tap stock, £800m at 10 per cent convertible in 1986, after the market closed. Gilt dealers expressed surprise at the rate, suggesting that the Chancellor obviously expects the 10 per cent base rate to last for some time.

Leading shares were neglected after Thursday's flurry, causing the FT 30-share index to fall by 3.8 to 722.1 at the close. Nevertheless, there were many good features among secondary stocks and most dealing interest was seen in speculative favourites. And in that arena there was much to keep jobbers busy, despite their complaints of stock shortages.

Among the big names, P&O deferred firming another 3p to 205p on Mr Jeffrey Sterling's offer being at 280p. Optimistic

statements from the chairman of this week helped the price. The reported stock shortages appear to be particularly acute in the insurance sector, after good figures from two of the majors earlier this week. Sea Alliance jumped 25p to 1,230p. Pearl firmed 27p to 700p and there are revived hopes of a bid coming for the company.

Gains were well spread throughout the sector but Guardian Royal, where interim figures are due at the end of the month, climbed 11p to 506p. Royal Insurance, whose figures are due next Tuesday, were up 10p to 515p and Refuge firmed 4p to 382p.

In lacklustre banks, Standard Chartered featured with a further climb yesterday of 7p to 504p, setting a new 1983 peak ahead of September's figures, which are expected to show a sharp profit rise. Among brewers, Scottish & Newcastle held steady at 87p, despite an alleged 1 million shares awaiting sale. British Leyland also hit a new 1983 peak of 44p, up 7p, on rumours that the company was gearing up Jaguar and Rover as sell-off candidates.

The shares of J & J Makin Paper Mills are worth watching. Though not well known or actively traded, the cash rich group saw its shares jump to a new 1983 peak of 210p on talk of record profits for the year and a possible sale of a share stake.

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The reason for the increase in the share price of Prince of Wales Hints over the last few days became apparent yesterday when it announced a big hotel acquisition from Episcopi, which takes a 3.3 per cent stake in return. The shares lost 5p of the recent gain and closed at 118p.

A bumper set of figures from Prestige, plus an extraordinary dividend payment, did wonders for the share price which soared 41p to 230p. A well-kept secret.

A newsletter plug for TACE put another 14p on the shares at 128p, while Leasons firmed a few pence to 40p on the same basis.

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13-19 AUGUST 1983 A WEEKLY GUIDE TO LEISURE, ENTERTAINMENT AND THE ARTS

The Three Choirs festival offers a singular blend of the large and small, old and new. The 256th festival begins next Saturday; Nicholas Kenyon examines its tradition



Merger in the cathedral

WHEN the choir of Worcester, Hereford and Gloucester Cathedral next Saturday will be for their 256th festival. In 1902 an eminent musician said: "It seems like adding stone after stone upon a great monument when we attend the Three Choirs Festival year after year." Eighty-one years later, is the monument in danger of toppling over from the sheer weight of its history?

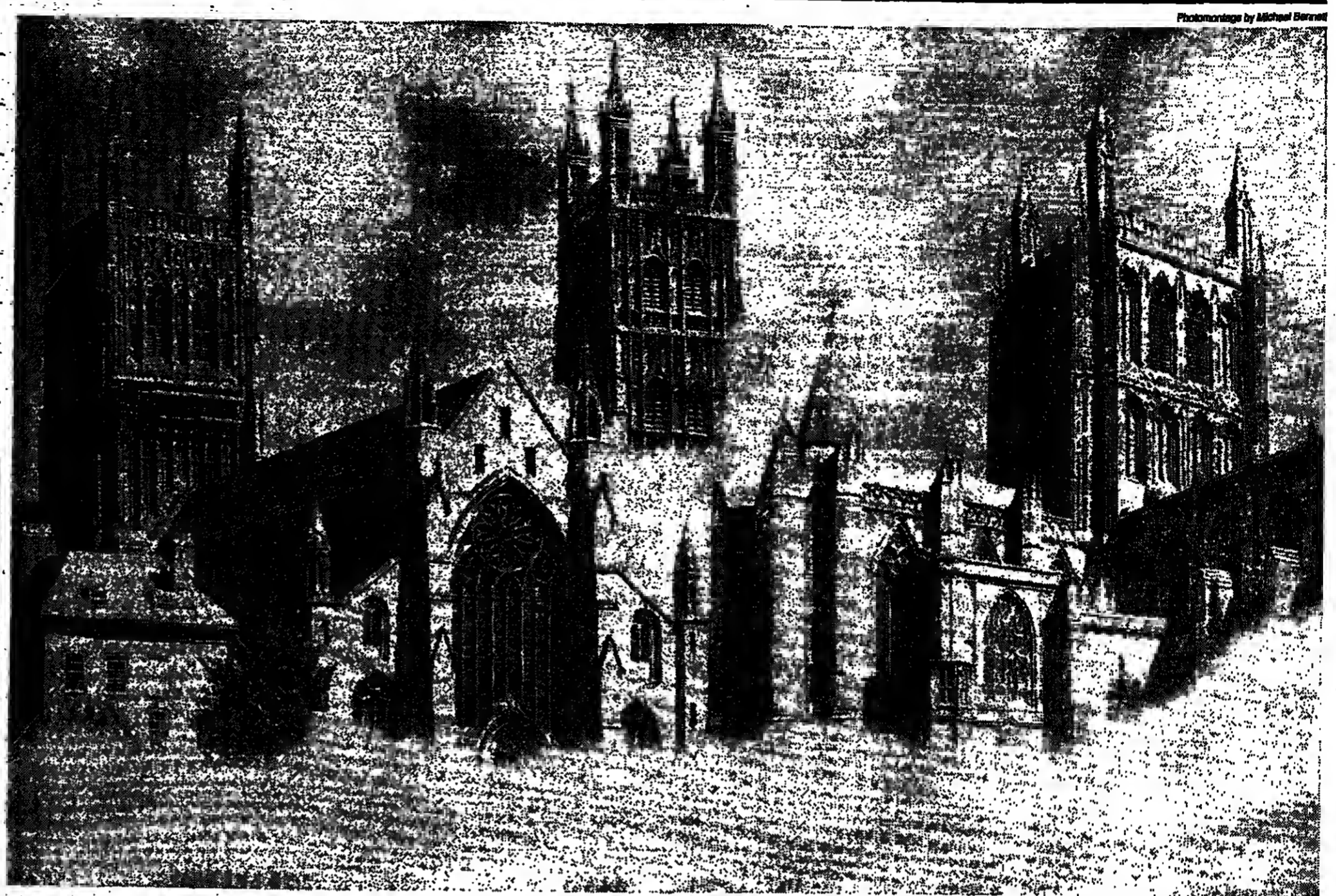
John Sanders, on whom as organist of Gloucester Cathedral the task of planning this year's festival and conducting many of its concerts falls, is sure that the Three Choirs still has a unique place among British festivals: "It's not just that we have such a strong tradition. We have a very special character, being devoted to the performance of choral music. And there's no festival, I think, among all those that have started in the years since the war, that has that emphasis."

"We have a strong amateur involvement in our music-making, because as well as the three cathedral choirs there is the festival chorus, which is not a professional body and rehearses locally. And we manage to avoid the sort of generalized programmes which could be heard anywhere. We are very proud of our record in commissioning new choral works - indeed, if it was not for us, I think new large-scale works for choirs and orchestra would hardly get written these days."

This year's programme is no exception in including a healthy batch of works that will be heard for the first time: the festival has commissioned the completion of a symphony by Elis Pehkonen, (begun for the Stroud Festival); an organ concerto from Charles Camilleri; an anthem from Richard Shephard (a former Gloucester chorboy); and most ambitiously, a large-scale Mass setting from Paul Patterson, *Massa Maris*.

Patterson explains: "I did have to tailor my writing very much to the amateur resources available, and I was careful to see that everything I wrote for the choir was practical to sing. I think they had enjoyed my *Voices of Sleep* at the Proms, but they were surprised when I showed them the score to see all the curious notation with boxes and wiggly lines and so on. This new Mass is in a rather different style - not tonal, though it does use a lot of tonal elements."

"I have worked with Tim Rose Price, who lives near Gloucester in Painswick, and he has selected texts from the Bible which use the image of water - I have woven these into the Mass setting rather as Britten juxtaposed the Wilfrid Owen poetry in the *War Requiem*, though of course it is totally different in



Diana Oldridge, who started to sing in the choir during the mid-1920s, recalled: "They were rather taken for granted, and actually the performances were often very poor. I think it's much better today, when the classics are performed - much more rarely but are properly rehearsed."

In the inter-war years Elgar was particularly associated with the festival. "He knew exactly what he wanted in rehearsal, and we were all on our best behaviour for him - I remember lots of details about how he wanted the works done, and it's interesting how the conductor today change things like emphasis and tempo marks."

Criticism has often swirled around the festival for its unwillingness to change its well-established traditions - not least from this newspaper, which declared in a leading article in 1925 that the cathedral organist should not automatically conduct all the festival concerts, and should confine himself to *Elijah* or *Messiah*. That tradition persists, though there are an increasing number of guest conductors for the orchestral concerts (which this year include Mahler's Tenth, Symphony in the Deryck Cooke version under Simoo Rattle, and Vaughan Williams's *Job* under Sir Charles Groves).

There was an even greater fuss in 1967, when William Mann wrote a fierce review which asked whether the Three Choirs Festival "needs to be replaced or reformed for the musical health of the country?" Voices were raised at the festival committee to suggest that *The Times* should no longer receive the customary free press tickets, but the crisis blew over.

In fact the festival has merged the new with the old in a remarkable way well suited to the inevitably country-based, middle-class nature of its audience. It has had its bad luck with new works: Gloucester's last choral commission, Malcolm Williamson's *Mass of Christ the King*, was not orchestrated in time and had to be performed incomplete. Perhaps some of the recently heard works will go the way of Charles Whitfield's *The Resurrection* (1825), Crotch's *Palestine* (1827), Neukomm's *Mount Sinai* (1832) and Schneider's *The Deluge* (1833). But other works of the stature of Vaughan Williams's *Tallis Fantasia* Bax's *Colour Symphony* and Herbert Howells's *Hymnus Paradisi* have survived.

Diana Oldridge remembers singing new works under their composers' direction as the most exciting feature of the festival between the wars. "They were all awfully nice and friendly and we got to know them well. Finzi came along as a young man; Bliss was one of the great ones and made a great impression on us."

During this period there was a strong continuity in the festival through Perry Hull, organist at Hereford from 1918, and Herbert Sumson at Gloucester from 1928. Sumson retired only in 1967 and still lives nearby. Younger conductors, such as David Willcocks at Worcester and Meredith Davies at Hereford, came after the war and stayed for briefer periods, but John Sanders, who succeeded Sumson at Gloucester, has remained there since 1968.

Alice Sumson, wife of Dr Sumson, recalls: "The music has always been the most

important thing, but this has also always been a religious and a friendly festival, I was very involved in the social events in the 1930s, and of course the festival was always supported by many prominent court people, so the social activities were very extensive. There is still a ladies' committee which works incredibly hard during the year, planning to help raise money and provide events during the festival. But it has all changed considerably now, because of the wider range of activities and the spread of business sponsorship."

Still, the festival seems to act as a social magnet around the cathedral town, and the post-concert reception formal garden parties and teas loom large in the calendar. The ladies' committee organizes auctions, draws, musical evenings and - sign of the times - a Sponsored Knit-In. A regular American visitor emphasized how central to the whole festival is its social side: it is the only festival, he says, where he can discuss musical points freely with total strangers, and meet the artists and conductors in the same informal spirit.

Whether the audience is there

for the parties or the premieres, for the friendship or the feast of music, the Three Choirs Festival has an extraordinary following. Already there are some 600-700 "stewards" subscribing this year, all of whom will come to eight or more events; and several concerts featuring the festival chorale are sold out to the cathedral's 2,500 capacity. Antiquated or not, the festival continues to fulfil a need, John Sanders: "I think audiences are more catholic in their tastes these days. They don't quite take everything I give them on trust - it's always more difficult to sell tickets for the new works - but there is a very open-minded support for all we do."

Diana Oldridge: "I think people are so much more sophisticated now. There's so much more music in schools that I think the standards are going up every year."

"It's all more commercial than it used to be, which is a pity, but I suppose that is a sign of the times. And there's more emphasis on the social side and not much on the benefit of the widows and orphans, which was why the meeting was first established. But the good thing is that it is much more professional musically, and there is still a very happy spirit."

When I first visited the festival five years ago, I was surprised to find the traditional affirmations muted, and a mood of sober, almost dutiful adventure: there was no *Messiah*, or *Elijah*, but instead the pagan splendours of Janacek and Walton, and a new metat that set the disbelieving words of Matthew Arnold: "The sea of faith was once, too, at the full . . . but now I only hear its melancholy, long, withdrawing roar."

Perhaps the Three Choirs Festival is bound by tradition, but it is also acutely aware of the need for change. I could find no one who regretted the loss of those *Messiahs* and *Elijahs*; everyone wants to explore the new, as long as it is not too unfamiliar. In its peculiar way, firmly based on amateur and religious roots, reluctantly anxious to keep up with the times but deeply attached to the past, the Three Choirs Festival represents the essence of British music-making that has characterized our music from Byrd, to Purcell, to Elgar himself. It will surely last another 256 years.



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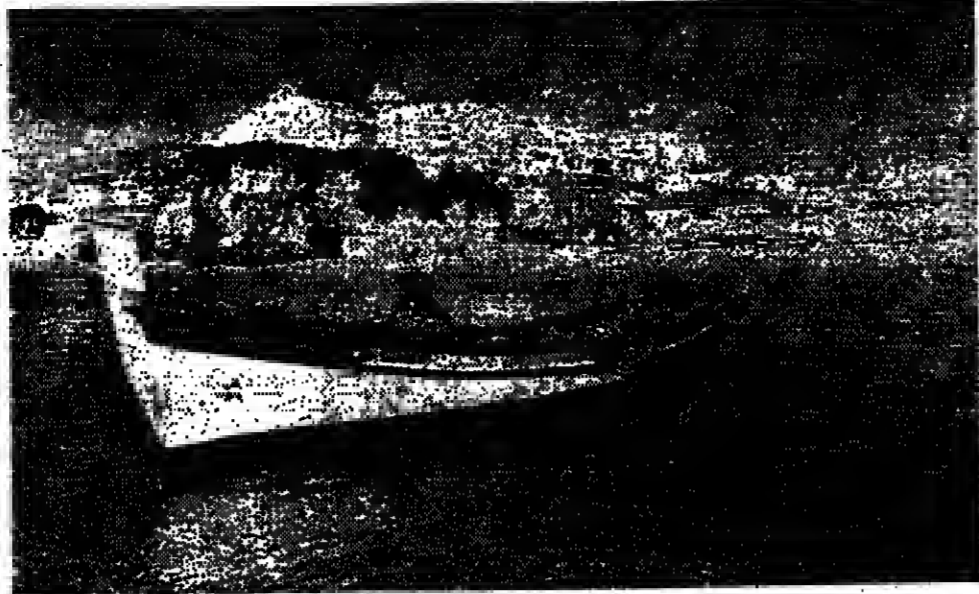
The white-washed villas of the Algarve still hold a special charm for the British, as Peter Stothard discovered

Still-life without hotels or big game trophies

The Villa Cannimé overlooks its very own Algarve beach outside the fashionable village of Carvoeiro. It is fresh painted blue and white. To the right its young inhabitants play among the wild flowers and sand as though they were on a holiday of a lifetime - which in one sense they are.

Today all three groups are still visible, not to say dominant. The Times reader can walk anywhere in baggy shorts and flapping white shirt without risk of confronting a massed ranks of the continental chic. Perhaps the French and Italians were the unfinished hotels, the water supply which runs fitfully and tastes like liquid chalk and the homicidal gas heaters which became an international horror story last winter. Or perhaps the British are simply so well dug into their special place in the sun that the rest take one look, shrug their shoulders and ship out to Spain.

There is a firmly established cycle by which British holiday makers become villa-owners, become bored villa owners, become villa hirers to more holiday makers who become villa owners and so on. The dream turns into an awakening, into a nightmare and thence into someone else's dream. There are a number of companies whose business is to oil this wheel of changing fortune.



Fishing party: Setting out and mending nets in Alentejo

We travelled to the Algarve with Meon, one of the biggest. The party was about 20 strong. Each family had chosen its villa from the Meon brochure at home. From the outside the villas of the Algarve may look as though they had been built from the same pattern book with the same white rendering and terra cotta roof tiles. But on the inside all manner of British tastes had left their mark. One was a twenty-first century hideaway in pea-green plastic and chrome. Another was pure Sorbution à la Portugaise with close Wilton carpeting and striped regency drapes covering up all those terrible hard tiled floors and rough stone walls. No one complained that his villa was anything but luxurious. At least one had clearly been built for that declining band of Englishmen who believe that each of the children's bedrooms should have its own bathroom en suite. Our villa was - unusually - owned by a German family who actually lived in it for half the year. A large black-and-white portrait of the family dog speat the summer staring nostalgically at the trophies of mounted antlers that its master had won in the forests of Bavaria. But otherwise it was cheerful and welcoming. The standard of furniture and crockery, cleanliness and ser-

vice was higher than on any similar holiday we had ever had. Each group at some time asked about the infamous gas water heaters that have had a severe effect on this season's bookings. Each was told that Meon villas had all been brought up to scratch (even if their owners had had to be threatened with exclusion from the brochure) and that the tourists who had died of carbon monoxide poisoning had all been in much smaller premises than the ones we would be enjoying. No one seemed to worry further.

Despite the unchecked inflation of which the "locals" bitterly complain, it is still possible to live cheaply in the Algarve. In the numerous cafe restaurants grilled fish, salad and the slightly tingling local wine for two will produce a bill for about £6 or £7. In the bigger towns like Lagos and Albufeira our search for better food through the guide book recommendations produced only bigger bills. The much recommended Lagosteira restaurant in Lagos was particularly depressing.

Around our village of Carvoeiro, O Castelo became the most regular provider of treats, including the Piri Piri chicken which is a local spicy delicacy not quite as widely available as one

would gather from the guides. The beaches are splendid and many have their own fresh fish grillers under the cliffs.

The Algarve is a noted draw for sportsmen, particularly golfers and fishermen. While most tourists stay in villas, the golfers have their own hotel, the Penina, on the road between Lagos and Portimão. It is large, luxurious, with a course designed by Henry Cotton and an interior with a strong whiff of Denis Thatcher and Chivas Regal. There are large nineteenth century prints of St Andrews and small prints of the battle of Corunna.

Five heroes and a wildlife mole

Slightly shamed that as non-golfers we were unable to test the facilities, we decided that we would have a go at the "big game" fishing. It seemed somewhat easier. Our hosts were the owners of The Black Marlin; motto "if you don't catch with us you won't catch with anyone else." Beware cheap imitations. It cost £20 per fisher - a price paid on this occasion by five would-be Ernest Hemingways keen to fight the dreaded shark and by one mysterious and timid character who looked as though he could only be a "mole" from

the World Wildlife Fund. As the boat drew away from Portimão harbour, the mole interrogated the uncomprehending captain on the procedure if one captured a dolphin by mistake while the fisherfolk donned leather protrusions like Greek actors, the better to control their rods in the grim fighting that would surely ensue.

We waited for some 90 minutes while the mole vomited over the side and the fish kept their distance before one of the rods started to quiver. If technically belonged to the WWF man but one of the Hemingways quickly grabbed it to his punch and began to weave and fight as though he had indeed caught one of those rare whales we had been so worried about.

After several minutes of this energetic performance, a two-foot long fish known (rather generously, I thought) as a blue shark fluttered unconcernedly to the surface. His opponent growled bitterly that these were "not good fighters" and with half a dozen blows his brain which had exhibited so intelligent a view of its chances against the hook was smashed to a red slime. With just a little embarrassment he held it up before his photographer companion whose fish-eye lens doubtless made it look a veritable monster of the deep.

Twice more, to the chagrin of captain and crew, the same rod quivered. One was so small as to be given the fish-eye lens treatment and flung contemptuously back into the sea. The other was similarly taken by the WWF man himself. It showed about as much "fight" as a Red Admiral and to the catcher's palpable relief was also returned to the water.

There followed an hour and a half of "big game fishing" stories of better times in the Grand Canaries before the Black Marlin turned for home. It seemed a night for chicken rather than sardines for dinner. I might even have been better off hitting my first golf ball.

Shark fishing is a highly marketed activity on the Algarve. The Portuguese authorities would like to portray the region as an expanding centre of such outdoor delights. There seems to be considerable uncer-

tainty, however, about the ways in which the Algarve can and should extend its appeal.

Southern Portugal is desperately short of basic infrastructure services - electricity, water, gas. The economy is unstable. It is still not an economic climate to pose the subliminal "the Villa Cannimé" back to hand construction work. It is obviously more difficult to spread such services as there are among thousands of separate villas than it would be among a few big hotels. And if the recent gas-heater deaths force holiday-makers to demand electric water heating for their villas, the problems can only get worse. So the chances are that expansion will be inhibited. The Algarve may indeed even return closer to the uncrowded, slightly ramshackle peace, which has always had such special British appeal.

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PREVIEW Films



Teenage trauma: Ralph Macchio (left) and C. Thomas Howell in Francis Coppola's *The Outsiders*

Oklahoma socs and greasers

Francis Coppola's latest film, *The Outsiders*, begins its British life with one major disadvantage...

male leadership of *The Outsiders*, written when she was seventeen and still at high school.

And audiences accustomed to the extravagant Coppola of *The Godfather*, *Apocalypse Now* and *One from the Heart* may find the film's style equally unfamiliar.

lucrate in high budgets and elaborate facilities. Hinton agreed to the adaptation of *The Outsiders* after seeing Coppola's Zentropo film *The Black Stallion*.

Luis Buñuel (right) was one of the cinema's true originals, a born iconoclast and a naturally anarchic spirit capable of the most delicious flights of absurdity.

weight to the period of his splendid maturity which started with *Viridiana* in 1961 and lasted to his final film, *That Obscure Object of Desire*, which appeared in Buñuel's seventy-seventh year.

It is tempting to read the film as a Marxist tract - human behaviour is the product of economic conditions - but Buñuel's work is never as straightforward as that.

The Buñuel season continues on BBC2, on Friday evenings, and the other films in its provisional running order are: *Republic of Sin*, *Viridiana*, *Diary of a Chambermaid*, *Belle de Jour*, *Tristana*, *The Discreet Charm of the Bourgeoisie*, *The Milky Way*, *The Phantom of Liberty* and *That Obscure Object of Desire*.

Films on TV/Buñuel season



BUSTER KEATON SEASON Barbican Cinema One (025 8795) until Aug 31

before released in Britain) transforms the film into an absorbing, audacious game with objects, people and space.

still marked by narrative perplexities. But the atmosphere is more grandiose than ever. Cimino recreates nineteenth-century Wyoming with a romantic excess scarcely seen since the heyday of David O. Selznick.

Genie, Mayfair (482 0891) Screen on the Hill (435 3366) until Aug 17

products of strip-cartoon magic. In the latest episode the essence remains the same, as does the casting of Bond (a now more cautiously dashing Roger Moore).

love, peopled with annoying characters (Amazilia Langlet's Pauline is the chief exception). The scenery, though, suits the season perfectly: when the waves and sea breeze start rolling in, you feel like diving into the screen.

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Orchestra provides an evening of German romanticism: Strauss's *Tod und Verklärung*, Webern's *Sätze Op 6*, Schumann's *Cello Concerto*, Liszt's *Violin Concerto* and a Faust Overture by Wagner.

Transfiguration: German romanticism from Albedo Brahms's Trio Op 8, all for piano, violin and cello.

Improvisation: Bobby Wellins's tenor sax at Ealing tonight

performance with the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain under Sir Charles Groves should not be missed.

INNOVATION: first show in the West from Netsu Nakajima Rowland and Dave Matlack, with assistance from the Albion Band's singer Cathy LeSud.

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA ENO opens another exciting new season with a revival of *Der Götterkönig* on Mon, Wed and Fri.

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Advertisement for Francis Ford Coppola's 'The Outsiders' featuring a photo of the main cast and promotional text.

Advertisement for 'First fringe benefits over border' featuring Edinburgh Festival Fringe and other local events.

Advertisement for 'Rock & Jazz' featuring various music venues and acts like 'The Ploughman's Lunch' and 'Return of the Jedi'.

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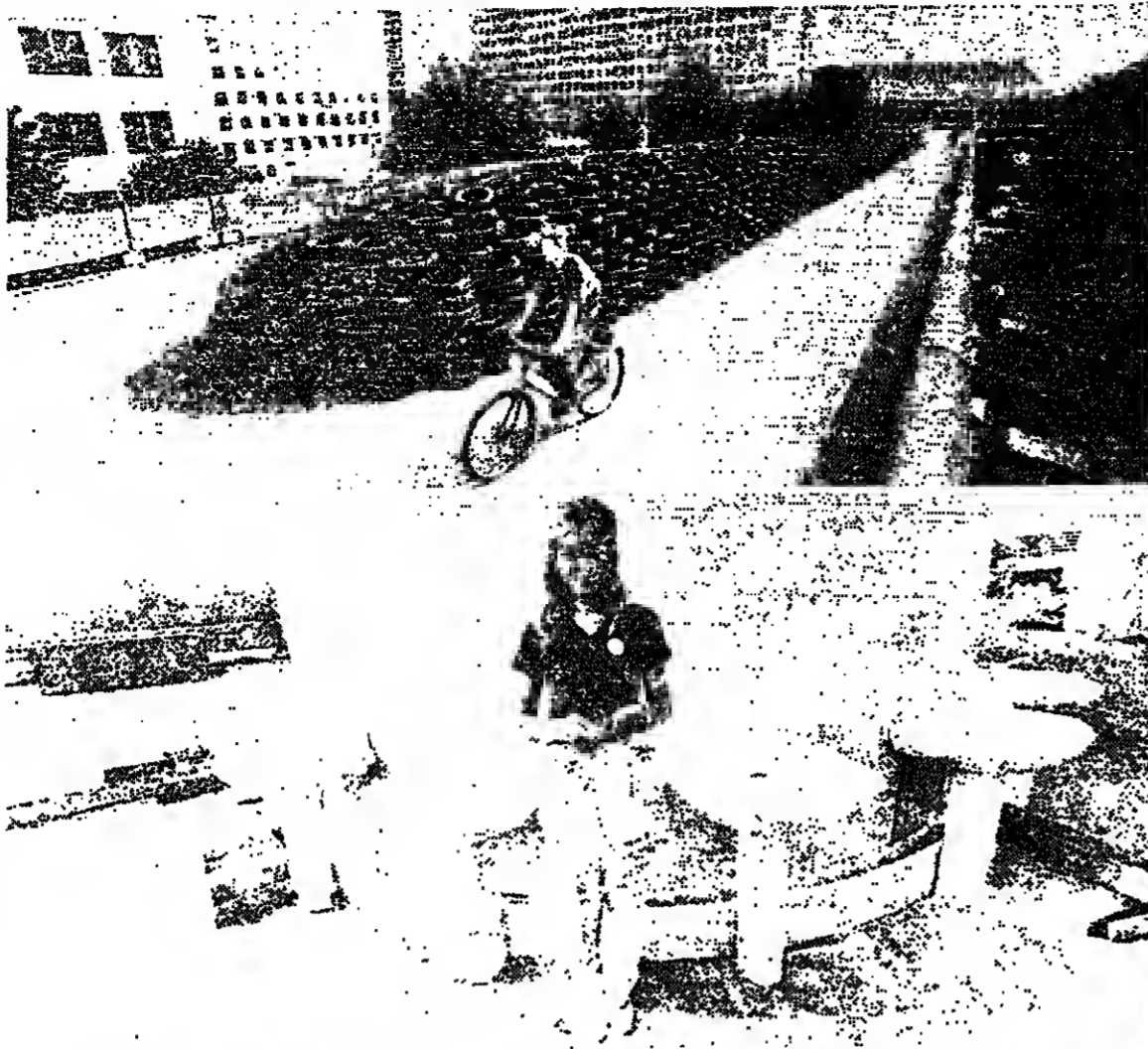
THE WEEK AHEAD

Today

A TIMELESS JOURNEY. PAINTINGS BY TRISTRAM HILLIER RA: Whether you regard Tristram Hillier, who died earlier this year, as a surrealist before his time or a surrealist in spite of himself, he was a curiously isolated figure in British art.

THE SCULPTURE SHOW: It may not be the best, but it is certainly the largest: more works by more living sculptors (50 in all) than have ever been assembled in one show before in Britain.

BRITISH AND COMMONWEALTH STAGE DESIGN: Exhibition, in two parts, in the Lyttelton Circle foyer of the National Theatre. The first part (until Sept 8) concentrates on contemporary British design.



Tyring journey: A cyclist passing Polaris (top left) at the Sculpture Show on South Bank; Sarah Bradpiece with Wash Station (bottom left); and a complement to the trees (right) (see Today)



his partner, Noble Sissle; they include "Shuffle Along", "Low Down Blues", "In Honesyuckle Time" and "I'm Just Wild About Harry", Channel 4, 9-10.35pm.

Thursday

LUIS BUNUEL: BBC2's tribute to the great film director (see page 7).

WAR GAMES: America's surprise summer hit arrives in Britain: the artful story of a boy computer wizard who makes contact with a secret computer programmed to play games ranging from chess to global thermonuclear war.

THE OUTSIDERS: Francis Coppola's latest film.

CONTEMPORARY BRITISH GLASS: Exhibition of more than 50 pieces of glasswork reflecting the advent of the day-tank furnace which has enabled artists to take free-hand glass blowing out of the factory and into the studio.

CAMERAS AND PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT: A highlight of today's sale is a Sutton panoramic camera made in the early 1880s and significant for its spherical lens filled with water which enabled pictures to be taken with a span of 120 degrees.

Friday

EDINBURGH MILITARY TATTOO: The annual display of colour and pageantry by the Scottish military massed pipe bands, augmented by two visitors from overseas: the Lochiel marching team from New Zealand and the pipes and drums of the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa.

KRAKATO: THE DAY THAT SHOOK THE WORLD: A programme to mark the centenary of the volcanic explosion which destroyed an island between Java and Sumatra and set up a giant tidal wave that killed an estimated 36,000 people.

Week following

Aug 20: Edinburgh Festival opens; FA Charity Shield, Liverpool v Manchester United, Wembley; Three Choirs Festival, Gloucester Cathedral.

Tomorrow

DIRT DIGGERS CHAMPIONSHIP: American-style off-road racing comes to Britain for the first time. The vehicles are two, three and four wheelers, powered by Yamaha motorcycle engines from 125cc to 1,000cc turbo, and the track is a high-speed banked circuit with leaps and bumps.

A SOUND OF GOONS: A history of The Goon Show, presented by Frank Muir (Radio 4, 10.15-11.00pm) is an appetizer for a series of 10 repeats of vintage shows, with the incomparable team of Spike Milligan, Sir Harry Secombe and the late Peter Sellers.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING: The big-punching Colin Jones of Wales, makes another attempt to take the WBC World Welterweight Championship from Milton McCrory of Detroit in a 12-round contest in Las Vegas.

Monday

BIKES BONANZA: Three hundred ancient and historic motor cycles, sidecars and three-wheeled cycle cars parade through central London today (starting at County Hall, South Bank, SE1 at 10am), as a curtain raiser for Bike 83, the country's leading motor-cycle show, which opens on Friday.

AUSTRIAN GRAND PRIX: Elio de Angelis won for Lotus on the Osterreichring last year, but apart from Nigel Mansell's fourth place at Silverstone, the Lotus team has made little impact this season.

FRENCH WITHOUT TEARS: Terence Rattigan's comedy revived with Christopher Blake, Joanna Hite, Deborah Watling and Jeremy Sinden; directed by Eleanor

Fazan, Arts Theatre, Cambridge (0223 352000). Opens today at 8pm. Then Mon-Sat at 8pm; matinee Sat at 4.30pm until Aug 20.

THE ZIMBABWE TAPES: A drama-documentary by David Caute set in the years of the 1976-80 war in Rhodesia (Zimbabwe). Richard Clark (played by Peter Jeffrey) is a white settler and farmer captured by guerrilla supporters of Robert Mugabe and forced to document the struggles of the guerrillas on tape to counteract the propaganda of his previous broadcasts.

THE KILLING OF MR TOAD: Play with music about Kenneth Grahame's author of The Wind in the Willows and his unhappy life.

THE MOON IN THE YELLOW RIVER: New production of Denis Johnston's 1931 play, sometimes called an Irish Cherry Orchard, and compared with Heartbreak House. Cast includes Ray McAnally, Godfrey Quigley, Desmond

GEMS OF THE PAST: Fashionable Georgian, Victorian and Edwardian pieces sparkle in a sale of antique and modern jewellery. Included are a Georgian gold and agate ring modelled with beads of age and youth (estimate £150), a Victorian gold

snake necklace (estimate £800), and a pair of Edwardian diamond ear pendants in a flower design (estimate £250). Phillips, 7, Bloomsbury Street, London W1 (829 6802) at 1.30pm.

YORK EBOR MEETING: Horse racing's third strongest event after Royal Ascot and Goodwood gets under way with the Benson and Hedges Gold Cup (3.10pm). Shareef Dancer, winner of the Irish Derby, takes on Solford, which won the Eclipse at Sandown, and Gorytus, ridden by Willie Carson on his return from suspension.

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Cave: directed by Tomas MacAnna. Abbey Theatre, Dublin (0001 744505). Previews today and tomorrow at 8pm; opens Thurs at 8pm. Then Mon-Sat at 8pm. Until Sept 10.

Wednesday

NATWEST BANK TROPHY: Middlesex, who have been leading the County Championship and won the Benson and Hedges Cup last month, continue their pursuit of cricket's first "treble" when they take on Somerset in the 60-over semi-final at Lord's.

FOR THOSE IN PERIL: The National Youth Theatre opens its twenty-seventh season with a prize-winning play by Christopher Short about the naval mutiny at Invergordon in 1931.

GREAT AND SMALL: Glenda Jackson leads in a play by German author Botho Strauss, about a woman's search for

identity in an unsympathetic, amoral and materialistic world. Keith Hack directs a company including Brian Deacon, Barry Stanton, Mark Dignem, Vaudeville (636 9988). Previews today, Thurs and Fri, at 8pm; Sat at 4.30pm and 8pm; Aug 22-24 at 8pm. Opens Aug 25 at 7pm.

THE HEART OF THE NATION: A son et lumiere production tracing the role of Whitehall in British history from Henry VIII to Winston Churchill. Written by Rosemary Anne Sisson, it features the voices of (among many others) Peter Barkworth, Sir John Gielgud, Robert Hardy, Penelope Keith, Francesca Scaglia and Paul Scofield. Horse Guards Parade, London SW1. Nightly at 9pm to Sept 5, including Sundays and Bank Holiday Monday. Tickets £4.50 and £5.50. Information on 222 9228.

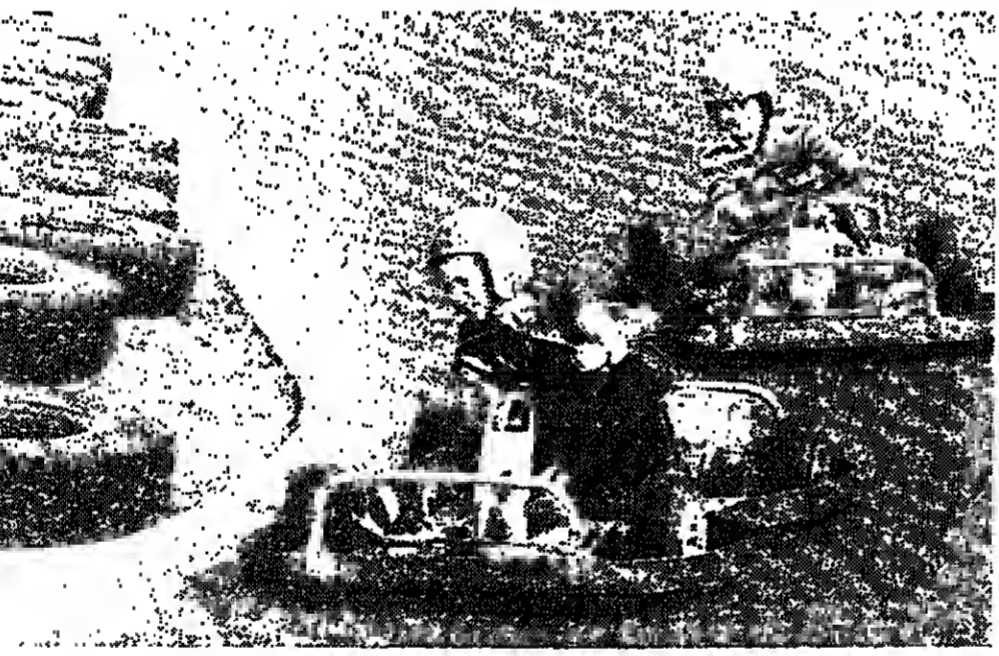
TOO MUCH, TOO YOUNG?: An investigation by Anne Nightingale into girls under 16 who get pregnant and choose to keep their babies. The programme looks at how they cope as mothers, how much they rely on their families and the extent to which fathers face up to their responsibilities. Radio 4, 8.45-9.30pm.

EUBIE!: Musical tributes, from Broadway by way of American television, to Eubie Blake, the black American pianist and composer who died in February a few days after his 100th birthday. He left more than 1,000 songs, many of them written with

Too many in pursuit of too little

One of the problems of visiting a place as a member of the press is that you are never quite sure to what extent you would enjoy yourself if everyone were not being so nice to you - rather like being a food inspector at a restaurant when the cook knows you're coming. I had no such troubles at Thorpe Park amusement park in Surrey. Having missed a recent press trip, I made my way incognito round as much of the place as I could manage in an afternoon.

and you are prepared for a lot of walking and waiting, you can have fun. And indeed that was the view of the children I took. They did, however, wonder why there could be more rides, more boats: one even suggested a ticket system whereby you could obtain a place in a queue without having to hang around for a turn, much as is done in some large department stores or at the Passport Office. And I have to say that they considered at least one of the rides a bit dangerous in a kind of spinning wheel on to which the children pile and are thrown off as it gathers momentum. We saw several children crying as the result of bruises and one of mine cut a finger. Stomach-wobbling experiences with risk attached are part of childhood, but I, too, thought this machine verged on the hazardous.



Tiring treat: Thorpe Park is fun if you don't mind the waiting game

London Zoo, and I did not feel there were sufficient intrinsically interesting areas to explore. And yet the boating lakes looked tranquil, the roller-skating rink full of happy feet and some of the exhibitions clearly of interest to other families. Also the new trip round a kind of Tussaud's haunted house - the Phantom Fantasia - was,

apart from the boring maze through which one got to it, excellent, and I observed many children and adults making the trip many times over. In fact a lot of children - once they had achieved the goal, whether it was a ride on a go-kart or bumper boat - appeared to be enjoying themselves.

ing water skiing, trout fishing and radio-controlled boats which might well have been fun. Judy Froshaug Thorpe Park, Staines Road, Chertsey, Surrey (09328 82633) is open daily 10am-9pm. Adults, £2.50; children under 14, £2.50, under three free.

OUTINGS

COUNTRY SPORTS AND CRAFTS FAIR

Grounds of Beaufield Manor, Beaufield, Hampshire, Aug 14, 10am-6pm, Adults £2.20, Children £1.60, free parking. Country sports include clay pigeon shooting, fishing, falconry demonstrations, riding, and gun dog working tests and tarrier show (starting at 2pm). Also over 100 stalls selling and demonstrating different country crafts from fly dressing and thatching to barrel and cask making and saddlery.

PEEBLES AGRICULTURAL SHOW

Hay Lodge Park, Peebles, Aug 13, 8am-5pm, Adults £1, Children 20p, Parking £1. Annual show with horses, ponies, donkeys, sheep, goats and a dog show. Also Highland dancing, mounted sports, fancy dress competitions, gun dog demonstrations and piped bands.

STEAM OPEN DAYS CENTENARY WEEKEND

Rutland Railway Museum, Cottemora, Oakham, Leicestershire, Aug 13, 14, 11am-6pm. Steam enthusiasts are in for a bonanza display of engines in steam this weekend when the museum celebrates 100 years of the Cottemora Minaral Branch Railway.

HIGHGATE CEMETERY (WESTERN SECTION) OPEN DAY

Swainge Lane, N6, Aug 14, 1pm-6pm, free

Not the ghoulish cutting it sounds; one of the most beautiful and monumental resting places in the country.

PETER AND THE WOLF

Barbican Hall, EC2 (638 8891), Aug 18, 19, 3pm, tickets £3. Richard Sulgoe is the narrator in Prokofiev's classic - with John Alley and Ian Wilson on pianos, Richard Hickox conducting the City of London Sinfonia.

SHOWS

CAPTAIN PUGWASH

The Ice House, Holland Park, London W8, today until Aug 25, 11 am-7 pm daily free

A look back at the careers of the vain and lazy private captain of the Black Pig, his timorous crew and his awful rival Cur Throat Jake.

John Flynn has assembled 83 years of the pirate's press cuttings and television appearances and gathered in his other creations: Sir Francis, Crooked, Harris Tweed, the bungling detective from the old Eagle comic, and many more.

UNDER THE HILLS AND FAR AWAY

Feltham Green, Hounslow, Aug 18, 19, 2pm, tickets 50p (890 3506). The GLC assisted Bubble Theatre Company's musical adventure for 4-7 year olds.

THUNDERBIRDS ARE GO

Saturday Kids Club, Screen on the Hill, 203 Haverstock Hill, NW3 (435 3366) Aug 13, 10am, £1 membership plus £1.25 admission. Full length feature of the television series created by Gerry and Sylvia Anderson with super-caricatured all-American heroes Brains and Scott.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

CHILDREN'S WEEK

Jackson's Lane Community Centre, Archway Road, Highgate, N8 (841 1884) Aug 15-19, 11am-5pm. Games, drama, masks, songs, acrobatics and costume workshops for 11-16 year olds.

SUMMER WORKSHOPS

St George's Theatre, Turnell Park Road, N19 (607 1128), Aug 17 and 24, 10am-12 noon, tickets £1 (bookable). Activities for 5-12 year olds include acting, painting, stage make-up, backstage skills, puppet making, masks and dance.

THE BASCHET BROTHERS 'AMUSEVOUS' WORKSHOPS

Lakeside Terrace, Barbican EC2, Aug 13, 10.30am, 3.30pm; Aug 14, 2pm, 3pm; Aug 15, 11.30am, 2.30pm; Aug 16-19, 10.30am, 2pm, free. Students from the Guildhall School of Music introduce the world of sound sculptures (extraordinary shapes of moulded metal and glass combining the visual arts with music).

Bridge

Dignity of an honourable discard

The discard of an honourable discards the dignity of a traditional ceremony where the regent demands its own particular protocol. An everyday example shows the value of this discipline.

Pairs. Game all. Dealer South.

Hand of cards for Bridge: Spades: 9 9 7 3 2, 2 5, 4, K 10 8 2. Hearts: A J 5, 7 8, K 9 8 3. Diamonds: K 10, A 8 4, A 7 4. Clubs: A 7 4, 2 5, 4, K 10 8 2.

West led the ♠6. The sight of dummy and the knowledge that South's rebid showed 13-16

points immediately enabled West to assess his chances of beating the contract as minimal. Declarer won the trick to hand and cashed four rounds of diamonds. West discarding two spades and East the ♠ Queen of hearts. Declarer finessed the ♠ Queen on which West contributed a ♠ 4. Noting the ♠ 4 with a beady eye, declarer tried the effect of the ♠ 4. West took the ♠ K and returned a club.

Calculating that the defence had given him nothing and that his little adventure in the club suit had cost a trick, declarer decided that he must recover by playing a heart towards the King. He did not make another trick. One down.

North pretended some astonishment as he inspected the travelling score slip: six 660s, four 630s, one 600. "Bad luck, partner." To some extent North's sarcasm was justified, because even if South fell for the club play he could safely have employed West with the last club to lead up to his ♠ K.

West leads the ♠ A. Which card should East play? The King? You might object that I have just explained that it is conven-

tional to discard the top of a sequence. True, but on this occasion we want to transmit an "unconventional" message. We want a diamond ruff so we "pretend" that we haven't got the ♠ K by discarding the ♠ Q. Now even our muggins of a partner won't play another heart. Because we have played a high heart but don't wish him to continue hearts, it must be a suit preference signal for the higher ranking of the other two suits.

"And if East had a club void instead?" you inquire. Theo he should play his lowest heart. On this hand, East's lowest heart is the seven. Would West recognize that as a signal for clubs? A good player most certainly would. And a bad player? There was once an American player whose sharp practice had earned him a dubious reputation. He found himself to precisely this dilemma. This was his solution: he dropped the ♠ 7 on the floor. When his partner asked which card he had played, he answered, "a small one."

Jeremy Flint

Chess

Legal aid advances the British game

Teachers, doctors, clergymen and lawyers are very prominent in chess, both as players and as organizers. Teaching seems particularly notable for great players. Adolf Anderssen, who won the first real international tournament (in London in 1851), was a mathematics teacher, as was the late world champion, Max Euwe. A possible explanation is that teachers can devote their long holidays to playing great chess.

One of the finest players of all time was a doctor, Siegfried Tarrasch, the preceptor Germaniae (teacher of Germans) who was also a remarkably good writer on the game. The best examples of chess-playing classics are to be found in nineteenth century England where they were noted for their skill and also their intensely quarrelsome behaviour. Christian peace and goodwill did not, apparently, extend to the chess-board.

The legal world has perhaps the closest affinity to chess, though this applies more to organizing than playing abilities. The Swedish international lawyer, Folke Rogard, was certainly the best president that FIDE ever had. David Anderson, also a lawyer, has played a great role in furthering British chess in the international field.

Another lawyer to whom British chess owes a great deal is Ralph Hooper, who, though by no means outstanding as a player, had the vision to see and the foresight to plan a great future for British chess. It was Ralph who in 1969 founded a society called the Friends of Chess with the object of restoring Britain to the leading place it occupied among the world's chess nations in the nineteenth century. The other founding members were Hugh Alexander, David Anderson, Sir Richard Clarke, Sir Stuart Milner-Barry and myself.

During the past few years our advance has been almost too rapid; in the last season expenditure considerably exceeded income.

This hampers our efforts to vie with such great chess-playing nations as the Soviet Union, Hungary and Yugoslavia. Anyone who would like to assist

Chess board diagram showing pieces and positions.

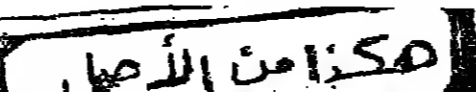
After 13 N x N, P x P 14. B x P. R-N5 Black has the upper hand.

Chess board diagram showing pieces and positions.

22 K x R leads to mate after 23... P-B6 ch 23 K x P N-B5 dis ch 24. K x N Q-N4.

If 25 P x N B x R 26. B x B Q-B5 ch with mate to follow.

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STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index: 722.1 down 3.8 FT 100: 79.10 up 0.20 FT All Share: 456.53 unch. Bargains: 20,026 Datastream USM Leaders Index: 100.82 up 0.55 New York Dow Jones Average: 1183.13 up 8.74 Tokyo Stock Exchange Index: 8,920.72 up 12.21 Hong Kong Hang Seng Index: 1,037.48 down 3.12 Amsterdam 150.1 down 0.6 Sydney AO Index: 661.7 down 1.5 Frankfurt Commerzbank Index: 944.40 up 9.80 Brussels General Index: 130.01 up 2.49 Paris CAC Index: 131.2 unch Zurich SKA General: 294.0 up 0.7

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE Sterling \$1.4835 up 36pts Index 85.1 up 0.2 DM 4.0375 down 0.0075 FF 12.1400 down 0.0225 Yen 366.25 up 1.75 Dollar Index 130.4 down 0.1 DM 2.7220 NEW YORK CLOSE Sterling \$1.4825 INTERNATIONAL ECUED 565347 SBRE0.703928

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates: Bank base rate 9 1/2 Finance houses base rate 10 Discount market loans week fixed 8 1/2 3 month interbank 9 1/2 - 9 3/4 Euro-currency rates: 3 month dollar 10 1/2 - 10 3/4 3 month DM 5 1/2 - 5 3/4 3 month FR 15 1/2 - 15 3/4 US rates: Bank prime rate 11 Fed funds 9 1/2 Treasury long bond 100 1/2 - 100 1/2 ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period July 6 to August 2, 1983 inclusive: 9.989 per cent.

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce): am \$411.60 pm \$412.45 close \$414.25-\$415 (E279.25-279.75) New York close: \$412.45 Krugerrand (per coin): E279.25-E279.75 (E288-289) Sovereigns (new): \$37.50-\$38.50 (E65.75-66.50) *Excludes VAT

NOTEBOOK

Bowater has been the object of takeover speculation for years. Rumours about the papermaker have enjoyed a new lease of life recently. Despite its high asset value and profit prospects, however, Bowater seems too big and too expensive easily to digest. The oil pollution disaster threatening the South African coast could be a disaster for fringe re-insurers as well. At least £50m will have to be paid on the tanker Castillo de Bellver and that could be more than these companies can afford. Higher rates could result. Prestige, the household gadget makers, has increased interim prax profits from £2.35m to £3.18m. Apart from a 12 per cent dividend (3p net), it is also paying an extraordinary dividend of 27.5p net. Page 14

International Signal & Control Group's offer for sale of 34.6 million new shares by tender at a minimum 125p a share has been over-subscribed. Details of what applicants get and the price they will be charged are expected to be known on Monday. At the minimum price, the American electronic warfare company would raise £43.5m, more than it raised when it first came to the British market about a year ago. Japan has asked the United States federal government to stop states from using the controversial unitary taxation of companies. The Japanese embassy in Washington has written to government departments and to the office of the Special Trade Representative. Britain has already lodged a similar protest against the unitary method which, it says, results in companies being taxed twice. Ford car prices are going up by an average of 4.9 per cent from Monday. New prices, including car tax and VAT, range from £4,567.72 for the Escort 1.3 three-door (old price £4,381.83) to £10,919.12 for the Granada 2.3 Ghia Automatic (old price £10,399.16). Ford last raised its prices by 4 per cent last January. Prince of Wales Hotels has agreed to buy the Golf Hotel, Woodhall Spa, Lincolnshire, from a subsidiary of Epicure Holdings.

Dollar falls against sterling and Deutschmark Bank launches £800m tap as hopes grow for US-induced gilts rally

The Bank of England yesterday announced an £800m tap stock on the back of a firmer tone in the gilt-edged market and on optimism that the latest US money supply figures would be more encouraging than the markets had been expecting earlier this week. The new tap, 10 per cent Treasury convertible 1986, is due payable on tender at a minimum tender price of 200%. Dealers said that the stock was slightly expensive as a short-dated stock and also out of line with the long end of the market on the basis of the conversion terms. However, there was speculation in the market that the Bank was looking for a rally in the market next week, helped by the more encouraging news expected from the US. The new tap - with a further £200m reserved for the National Debt Commissioners - has a first conversion date in April 1984 into 10 per cent 2002 stock on the first conversion date the gross redemption yield is 10.62 per cent. The gilts market moved ahead yesterday, encouraged by the strength of US bonds; short Gilts ended the day with gains of 1/2p, and there was a rise of 1/2p at the long end of the market. Ahead of last night's US money supply figures, the markets scaled down earlier estimates for the expected rise in M1 and were also expecting reasonably good M2 and M3 figures.

Dealers suggested that could delay further rises in US interest rates and the dollar had a quieter day after its sharp gains of recent weeks. Against the Deutschmark the dollar fell from DM2.7325 to DM2.7230. It was also slightly weaker against other European currencies, including the French franc. Against the franc, it eased 3 centimes to FR8.19. Starting rebounded later in the day after being hit by a big selling order on the part of a closed mixed. The rise in inflation revealed by the July retail prices figures was fully expected, but the pound eased against the Deutschmark although it firmed 55 points to \$1.4835 against the dollar. Its trade-weighted value was up 0.2 at 85.1. In the money markets, the Treasury bill rate showed a small increase over the week. Bills were allotted at an average rate of 89.3755 per cent compared with 89.3255 per cent a week ago. In the United States, wholesale prices edged up only one-tenth of 1 per cent in July, the Labour Department announced yesterday. This was a more moderate rise than in June and reflected lower food costs and a slowdown in energy prices. Wholesale prices, which indicate where consumer prices are heading, declined at a 0.7 per cent annual rate during the first seven months of 1983. Consumer prices have turned in a similarly good performance during this year. The latest projections by the Reagan Administration are that the consumer price index will advance only 3.1 per cent from the fourth quarter of last year to the final quarter of this year. The Administration considers that the dramatic downturn in inflation is a vindication of its economic policies of curbing taxes and federal government spending. But some of its critics hold that this policy has also led to the highest level of unemployment in the United States since the Second World War. July's small gains were largely the product of a 0.6 per cent drop in food prices and only 0.2 per cent gain in energy costs.

IMF calls talks on Argentine crisis

The International Monetary Fund has scheduled an emergency board meeting for Monday to review Argentine compliance with its programme, in an attempt to break the log jam over British banks participating in a \$1.5bn (£1bn) commercial bank loan for Argentina. The British Government has told British banks not to sign the loan until there is firm evidence that discriminatory financial sanctions against British companies in Argentina have been lifted. Non-discrimination is also an IMF condition and the board will review this issue. Government sources have said unofficially that once the IMF gives the all clear the Government will withdraw its objections to banks signing. There was strong indications yesterday that Argentina is now allowing British companies to take money out of the country, in line with the statement from the central bank vice-president, Señor Luis Mey, that all restrictions on lifting profits and dividends had been removed. Government sources confirmed privately that there was firm evidence of this and that some had already removed money. About 80 companies are involved, but until this week only Lloyds Bank International had been able to take money out of the country. However, there was no official confirmation of this and

Simon bids £22m for Drake

Simon Engineering is bidding £22m in cash and shares for Drake & Scull, the mechanical electrical and instrument group whose profits have surged over the past three years. Over a similar period, Simon's profits have staggered along on a plateau, rising from £19.3m in 1980 to £20.7m by the end of 1982. Simon is bidding one of its own shares plus 342p cash for every six Drake shares. At Simon's price of 383p last night the offer values Drake shares at 120p each. Yesterday they rose 36 pence to 119.635 shares. The Drake board, headed by Sir Monty Finnis, former British Steel chief executive, and directors have promised to accept with their 119,635 shares. Some Drake directors will join the Simon board when the offer goes through. Those Drake shareholders accepting the offer will keep the interim dividend of 1.25p per share declared for the year to the end of October. Drake's major institutional shareholders are Electra Investment Trust with 7 per cent and Norwich Union Insurance Group with 5.2 per cent. The two companies claim they complement each other at home and abroad. As part of Simon, Drake & Scull will be able to undertake larger contracts. Simon says it has long been its intention to widen its operating base into the industrial and engineering services group. It adds: "The merger with Drake & Scull will bring to Simon an acknowledged leader in the field of mechanical and electrical services, a sector which Simon believes will show growth".



Sir Monty: promised acceptance

Whittingham agrees bid

Comben Group, the Bristol-based estate developer, yesterday emerged as one of the mystery suitors for the William Whittingham, the Wolverhampton housebuilding group, with an agreed takeover bid worth £8.1m in cash. Whittingham announced that it had gone into takeover talks with two substantial companies a week ago after receiving an unwanted tender offer for up to 50 per cent of its shares at 83p a share from Mr Jim Raper's Milbury property group. Mr Raper's position on Comben's 130p a share bid was unclear last night but it was thought likely that he would be prepared to take a profit by selling to Comben the 9 per cent stake he built up in Whittingham before launching the tender offer. Comben's bid is conditional on Whittingham shareholders approving the sale of the company's 80 per cent interest in the film processing business, Colourtrend, to Dixon's Group for £3.2m. This sale was agreed between Whittingham and Dixon's two days ago. Colourtrend, which trades through offshoots such as Truprint and Flamingo Films, is a cash-rich business with net assets of £383m.

Family sells 52% stake in Ingram

The reason behind the sharp run-up in the share price of knitwear group Harold Ingram became apparent yesterday when its chairman Mr Harold Ingram, announced that he had sold the family's 52.3 per cent interest in the company. The buyer is a Liechtenstein company called Wasskon Establishment which paid 65p a share and, after Takeover Panel rulings, is making the same offer to the remaining shareholders. The largest independent shareholder is The Cornwall Estate, which holds 6.74 per cent. Mr Ingram refused to comment on the sale yesterday. On the stock market the share price reached 170p before closing at 160p, still 81p up on the day. Over the last three days the share price has trebled. The offer price at 65p, therefore, is unlikely to receive many acceptances. The main interest is the identity of the people behind Wasskon. Harold Ingram has just returned to profitable trading, after several years of losses.

Shares rise in moderate trading

New York (AP-Dow Jones) - Stocks were moving higher after overcoming some hesitancy in early trading. The Dow Jones industrial average was up about 3 points to 1,182 and advancing issues were about 8 to 5 ahead of declines. Trading was moderate. Miss Trude Latimer, vice-president at Evans Co, said: "The market, especially including the interest sensitive issues, is moving ahead nicely. It almost feels as if the bear, instead of waiting around for the expected bad money supply figures decided to take a long weekend. Moreover, more people now are looking at the M-2 and M-3 monthly figures which have been much more encouraging than M-1." Boeing was 40 1/2 up 1/2, United Technologies 67 1/2 up 1, Halliburton 41 1/2 up 1/2, Atlantic Richfield 47 1/2 up 1/2, Imperial Corp of America 11 1/2 up 1/2, VAL Inc 33 1/2 up 1/2, Fab-Arm 7 1/2 up 1/2. General Motors was up 1/2 at 68 1/2, Ford down 1/2 at 56 1/2, NCR down 1/2 at 119 1/2, International Business Machines up 1/2 at 118 1/2, Standard Oil Indiana up 1/2 to 51, Allied Corp up 1/2 at 50 1/2, International Paper up 1/2 at 51 1/2, Woolworth up 1/2 at 37 1/2, and James River up 1/2 at 33 1/2.

Brokers may file accounts

Stockbrokers and stockjobbers which survive the Stock Exchange changes intact are likely to have to disclose what they earn to the investing public. As a result of the chain reaction from the abolition of commissions firms may wish to limit their liability to their shareholders. If they do that, then by law they would have to file complete sets of annual accounts which would include profits and directors' salaries. They have similar legal obligations as the companies in whose shares they deal. As partnerships, they are required to file only annual returns, which show the names of directors and shareholders, but give no figures. Hoare Govett is one of the few brokers currently required to file accounts. Last year's show that the 407 employers earned an aggregate £6.5m in 1982, up from £5.19m the previous year. The lack of information has given rise to speculation guesses that some senior stockbrokers earn £1m a year. That is considered to be rare, but senior Stock Exchange traders believe about half a dozen of the senior partners earn £500,000 and a further dozen could be on £250,000. They confirm that £100,000 a year is not uncommon.

Lotus back in profit with first-half £109,000

Lotus, the sports car company recently saved by a combination of Japanese and British financial support, is back in profit and, according to Mr Fred Bushell, its chairman, faces a future of growth and success. In the first half of this year, the group made pre-tax profits of £109,000 against losses in the same period of 1982 of £289,000. The profit would have been even better but for £148,000 of professional fees paid mainly to Guinness Mahon the merchant bank, and Price Waterhouse, the accountants for helping to restructure the group. Prospects for the M90 two-seater sports car project, which Lotus directors hope will increase company sales to more than £50m-a-year within five years will be discussed by the newly-constituted board on Monday. Lotus could decide not to take a direct equity participation in the venture. For it could assemble the cars for a fee from the Japanese carmaker Toyota, which is also involved in the project. Mr Mike Kimberley, Lotus managing director, said yesterday that 7,500 of the cars could be sold annually. It would take two years to complete the engineering work and another two years to reach peak production.

Radical plan for £334bn Government assets

Public Sector Capital Stock at Current Replacement Cost

Total Public Sector Assets	£34.0
Central Government	45.7
Local Government	183.6
Public Corporations	134.5

PSBR of £10,000m a year until 2010. The capital stock in the public sector dwarfs not only the sums in share sale issues such as BP and British, but also comfortably exceeds the value of the Government's share of the north Sea's oil reserves. While a series of sale and leasebacks would inevitably mean an increase in Government's current expenditure on rentals, the proceeds of the sales would help to meet its short and medium-term revenue shortfalls. Mr Osborne said the Government's concern about the long-term upward trend in public spending - first highlighted in the leaked Think Tank study last autumn - would force it to consider more radical options.

Leaseback 'cure' for PSBR

The Government's well-documented long-term public spending problems could be solved by selling only a portion of the "incredible" amounts of land and property owned by the public sector, claims a City economist. Publicly owned land and buildings were valued at £270,000m at the last official count, while machinery, vehicles and plant boosted total public sector assets to £334,000m - equivalent to 43 per cent of the total capital stock in the economy. Mr Michael Osborne, senior economist at stockbroker Grieson Grant, believes that the Government could meet its public sector borrowing require-

City Editor's Comment Message from the signal box

Registration of insurance brokers, implemented in December 1981, gives the public important safeguards when it deals with insurance brokers who have had to provide evidence of their expertise and financial soundness to meet the requirements of the statutory Insurance Brokers Registration Council. This pronouncement by Mr Dickie Alexander, contained in the annual report of the British Insurance Brokers Association of which he is chairman, must have a decidedly hollow ring in the ears of Signal Life investors. Gibraltar-based Signal Life failed a year ago owing investors more than £6.5m. Signal Life bonds were sold in this country by intermediaries, many of whom were Registered Insurance Brokers and members of BIBA, and many of whom failed to point out to their clients the elementary fact that investments in offshore insurance companies would not be covered by the Policyholders Protection Act. One wonders what "evidence of expertise" these brokers produced before being allowed to register as an insurance broker. Investors in Signal Life's gold bond fund have been fully reimbursed by the fund's trustee, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank which acted with commendable speed in fulfilling its obligations to policyholders. But the gilt bond fund had no trustee - a point on which many investors were misinformed by their insurance broker - and these people have lost everything. For these unfortunate their only hope of compensation is to successfully sue their broker for negligence. Then, and only then, can the IBRC "grants" scheme come into operation, or the broker's professional indemnity insurance be activated. Until the insurance broking industry gets a round to setting up an effective compensation fund talk of "important safeguards" is likely to be treated with the derision it deserves. Freeports' red herring Freeports may or may not be a useful way to encourage economic growth in the United Kingdom but their case has not been helped by a study published yesterday by the Adam Smith Institute. Its booklet, published yesterday, discusses the case for and against freeports but the arguments both for and against are undermined by a case study of the freeport which was set up a few years ago in Miami and has subsequently flourished. The appraisal of the Miami experiment suffered in large part because of the resemblance it bears to the publicity handouts which the Miami authorities are all too eager to thrust into the hands of any who are willing to receive them. The lesson of Miami, which the Adam Smith Institute ought legitimately to have pointed out, is not that its freeport has been successful, but rather that if the conditions for growth exist then the freeport can act as a focus. In other words, Miami was ripe for growth anyway. It is the place where the developing Latin American economies meet the monies of the Caribbean, and the wealth and power of the United States. With Washington looking south for the first time, Miami was bound to become more important, and the city is awash with cash. The same can not be said for Felixtowe, or Prestwick, or the airport at Aberdeen. All can make a strong case in British terms for having freeports status. But we have to decide what will work here, not what has worked in a different climate overseas.

Sturla report qualified

The much delayed 1981-82 report and accounts from troubled Sturla Holdings have a full page of auditors' qualifications. The qualifications say that Sturla, a hire purchase and leasing company, is dependent on the continuing support of its banks and big creditors to enable it to continue trading. Mr William Starkey, the company secretary, conceded that the qualifications were bad but said they were historic and that the 1982-83 accounts, expected in the autumn, would be much better though still qualified. The shares were suspended at 6p in March. After discussions with the Stock Exchange, the quota could be restored sometime after September's annual meeting. A request should be possible now that the board membership and a Spanish property issue have been expanded, according to Mr David Britton, the new chairman. Mr Robert Knight, the previous chairman, was decisively voted off the board.

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Insurance

Banking Customers abandon Big Four

High bank charges are driving personal account customers away from the big four banks...

Co-operative Bank and Yorkshire Bank are acquiring new customers from a relatively low base line...

The NOP report is based on 32,000 interviews, and highlights the fact that fewer Co-operative Bank customers pay bank charges...

Lorna Bourke

New ceiling on CTT

Provisions introduced in 1981 to allow a way out of the need to account for Capital Transfer Tax on estates...

New SAYE option

A new issue of Save As You Earn linked to share option schemes 'SAYE Shares Option Issue Series B'...

Lawyers for hire

Visitors to Turkey who become involved in a car accident should be warned that even if they are obviously the victim...

example when its legal fees policy would come into force. 'One of the advantages for the holidaymaker with a DAS policy in Europe is the European connection...

Executives lose

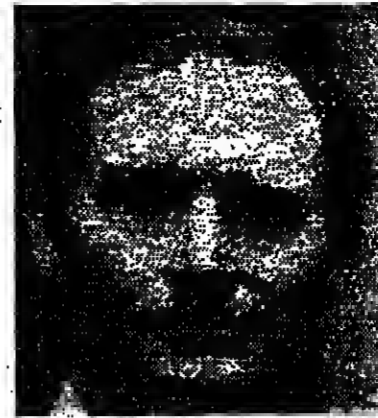
Executives are hardly better off this year than last, according to a survey by Employment Conditions Abroad...

For the self-employed

Pension premiums are the most tax-efficient way of saving and reducing current income tax liability of the self-employed...

Midland offer

Midland is the latest of the banks to launch its student package, offering free banking facilities to students...



Mr Peter Edwards: his Premier Unit Trust Brokers is performing well

Premier second

The unit trust advisers Premier Unit Trust Brokers has turned in an impressive performance in the latest survey by Planned Savings magazine...

capital appreciation plan and £14,664 on the income portfolio. Bristol-based Premier is a member of The Times/Money Programme Unit Trust Competition panel.

Charity contest

Charity accounts are still considered to be the Cinderella of financial reporting, with a lack of general agreement about what is acceptable if their auditors are to issue an unqualified report...

Insurers gain

Large scale switching from straight repayment home-loans to employment-linked mortgages has produced a boom in business for the insurance companies...

linked mortgages has produced a boom in business for the insurance companies. New premiums in the second quarter of 1983 showed a 76 per cent rise over the same period last year to £245m.

Golden facility

Grindlays Bank has teamed with American Express to provide a Gold Card for certain of its selected customers. Customers will have access to an unsecured overdraft facility of at least £7,500 at a favourable interest rate...

Other services include the facility to draw cash and travellers' cheques up to £1,000 on American Express travel offices and automatic travel accident insurance cover for £150,000 if travel tickets are bought with the Gold Card.

Insurance

Play safe: keep the company's key operator under cover

The death or injury of a key executive can be just as devastating to a company as a fire or major loss of orders. But while companies scrupulously insure their executive's desk...



leaves. There is no investment sum left on expiry. Usually policy premiums are not tax deductible although proceeds will be left intact by the Inland Revenue as well...

But its not only the death of a key man which can bring the small company to its knees. Accidents or ill health can put executives out of circulation for long periods too. The second main form of key man insurance - permanent health insurance - is useful for covering this.

PHI policies are uncommon as fewer companies buy this cover than life insurance policies. Commercial Union and Phoenix operate useful schemes.

PHI, though, is open to abuse. In the US there have been several cases of broken wined executives being insured up to the hilt and then deliberately over-worked until a delighted company can pension them off and claim on the policy.

Key man insurance tends to give employees an inflated sense of their own importance, in the US it is a well established status symbol. While you may think a policy protects your company from the loss of your top people it may have exactly the opposite effect.

What better way to remind people of their huge market worth and drive them out in search of better-paying opposition?

Patrick Donovan

With a weller of companies starting up. This is an area that should not be ignored.

Take a four-man computer software company. Staff consists of two boffins, a salesman and financial director. At first all goes well, the product sells, new ideas are in the pipeline and cash in the bank.

Suddenly, the salesman dies. Belatedly, the importance of his key role sinks in but the other partners have no sales leads or knowledge of selling and the company slides down the well-worn slope to receivership.

Key-man insurance cover can ensure a ready income until a replacement was appointed. Say the salesman had 40 years old, the company could have bought £200,000 worth of cover for a premium of around £64 a month.

Though a neglected area of insurance a wide range of life policies is available from Hambros, Hill Samuel, Commercial Union, Phoenix, Sun Life and the Prudential among others. NatWest Insurance in Bristol provides a useful brokerage and information service.

But before investing in cover, a word of warning. Keyman policies are meant for genuine

employees and not for majority shareholders or husband and wife partners in a small enterprise. If the taxman suspects the insured holds a personal stake in the business he is liable to hit hard with capital transfer or income tax in the event of a claim.

Family members of a firm are much better off with an ordinary life assurance policy of

KEYMAN LIFE INSURANCE

Monthly premiums from Hill Samuel Unit Linked Life policy

Age £30,000 cover £50,000 cover £100,000 cover

25 10.00 10.00 16.03 (minimum)

40 10.00 15.16 30.31

50 27.18 45.29 90.59

60 88.24 147.06 294.12

Cover is a single one-off payment. The value of the cover rises in direct proportion to the premium paid. For a man aged 50 paying £27.18 premium for £30,000 cover, £64.38 buys him £50,000 cover.

buying a death-in-service clause for their pension scheme.

First step in arranging key man cover is estimating the worth of your executive. One benchmark is 10 times the annual salary. But income is not necessarily an accurate pointer. John Housden, of Hill Samuel, recalls one company desperately trying to prevent an underpaid designer finding out the vast sums at which he was valued.

Mr Housden provides a more accurate calculation. If, for example, your high-flier earns £20,000, the company has a salary bill of £1.5m and annual profits of £4m and five-year cover is required the sum to be insured would be calculated as follows:

20,000 x 4,000,000 x 5 = £267,000

When choosing a policy it is worth looking at unit-linked whole life schemes which have only recently been introduced in this market and are in strong demand.

Bonds Compensation hope as bank takes up investors' claim

Good news for at least two Signal Life Gilt bondholders - they are the two investors who bought their gilt bonds through Chartered Insurance Services, a subsidiary of Standard Chartered Bank. Gibraltar-based Signal Life failed last year and investors in the gilt bond, including the two who bought from Chartered Insurance Services have lost everything.

But Standard Chartered Bank confirmed yesterday that it is pursuing the matter with its professional indemnity insurers and with only £20,000 at stake (each investor had a £10,000 bond) it is unthinkable that Standard Chartered would see its clients out of pocket if the claim against the insurer is unsuccessful.

Mr John Hoddell, managing director of Chartered Trust, said: "Irrespective of the legal position and without prejudice to the legal rights of the company, we are investigating the position that bondholders find themselves in and we are looking very sympathetically at their claim."

This should strengthen SLIAG (Signal Life Investors Action Group) which is selecting test cases to bring court actions against the intermediaries who recommended the bond.

With Standard Chartered Bank likely to pay up, other intermediaries might also decide to compensate their clients for their losses on the gilt bond.

In Standard Chartered's case there is plenty of solid evidence that they were not as careful as they should have been. In a letter in one of their clients the salesman says that Hongkong and Shanghai Bank was trustee

of the gilt bond fund. A quick telephone call would have established that this was not the case (although Hongkong and Shanghai Bank was trustee to the other Signal Life funds and has fully reimbursed these investors).

Another intermediary who must be bringing his hands in is Mr David Morgan, of David Mor Life and Pensions Service. He wrote to clients: "We have pleasure in sending you details of the safest and most valuable investment in Britain, but an offer which closes at the end of this month owing to the undoubted size of demand..."

We had previously been transacting a fair amount of business with Signal Life and found their internal administration very satisfactory.

Broker Mr Andrew Lohian is doubtless wishing he had overheard of Signal Life. A member of the British Insurance Brokers Association, he wrote to clients in May of last year: "I would recommend you invest in the one-year (Signal Life) Bond."

More importantly, and investment which over the short term offers 30 per cent more than the building societies, should not be ignored. "Don't delay, these are limited offers."

Meanwhile, the Signal Life committee of inspection had its first meeting on Thursday. It was established at the meeting that assets belonging to Signal Life totalled £395,735 in cash and three flats probably worth £55,000. Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, which has fully reimbursed the gold bondholders has put in a claim to the liquidator for £4,413,270.

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Dollar rise shows investors' peril

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On the other hand, corrected for exchange rate movements, British investors would have done better at home over the last three months...

Only a sharp depreciation of sterling against the dollar, or a widening of the interest rate differential, or a combination of the two, will alter the relationship in favour of sterling holders...

Michael Prest

Compensation Cameraman waiting for £12m verdict

A commercial photographer has lodged a £12m claim against the Thames Water Authority which could force a long-awaited High Court decision on the value of lost or destroyed photographic transparencies...



Adams: bewildered at the loss of life's work

pouring through the basement walls two or three hours after that. The incident happened last December, since then Mr Adams has made scant progress in winning compensation for the destruction of the negatives...

ments undertaken by Mr Adams over the past 20 years it would total more than £2m. The figures of £12m was determined after seeking advice from counsel...

who specialises in handling copyright cases, says there are three main considerations in trying to settle a case of this kind. First, there is the cost of replacing the damaged film and property...

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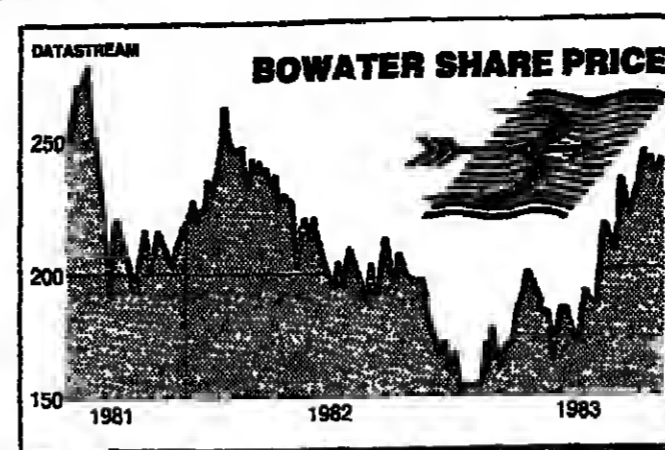
COMMODITIES

Table of commodity prices including LONDON METAL EXCHANGE, RUBBER, SUGAR, and LONDON GOLD FUTURES MARKET.

INVESTORS' NOTEBOOK edited by Michael Prest

Bid talk echoes in Bowater forests

Like old soldiers good rumours never die. For the better part of a decade the City has been entertained spasmodically by the notion that someone, somewhere, wants to take over Bowater, the paper maker. This particular tale appears to be enjoying renewed currency.



already signs of strain in Bermuda with problems at AJAX and Walton, as well as rumours surrounding other well-known re-insurers. The most important components of the Bermudian industry are the captive companies established by the multinationals for cheap insurance with tax benefits.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

Table of company news including Anglo American Securities, Northgate Exploration, and Inch Kenneth Kelang Rubber.

So what is the argument for a possible bid? In general terms it is that Bowater, sufferer from huge assets and lowish profits, is recovering from the bottom of a cycle.

Reinsurance The disaster which struck the Spanish tanker, Castillo de Bellver, off South Africa last week may be one of the last nails in the coffin of the curprice re-insurance merchants which have dogged the marine market.

Prestige Half-year to 30.6.83 Pretax profit £2.18m (2.36m) Turnover £30.2m (27.3m) Net interim dividend 27.5p Share price 230p Yield 3.77 Dividend payable 8.10.83

Nationwide Building Society Placing of £12,500,000 11 1/4 per cent Bonds due 20th August 1984. Includes contact information for various agents.

Ault cuts dividend after loss

Ault & Wiborg Group, the London-based ink makers, yesterday cut its half-time dividend as it slid into the red. On a turnover virtually unchanged at £31.6m, the group's trading profits dropped from £1.6m for the six months to the end of June to £79,000.

Merrydown sales up

The chairman of Merrydown Wine, Mr Ian Howie, says in his annual statement that, since the year end, cider sales have continued to move ahead. At the end of four months they were showing a healthy rise over the equivalent period last year.

Large table of financial data including Authorized Unit Trusts, Unit Trust Prices - change on the week, and various financial metrics for numerous funds and companies.

Vertical advertisement for 'Japan shock' and 'Still m... CHEE... 82... Still...'. Includes a large '10% 13' graphic.

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Japan imports shock for UK

By John Lawless

British exports to Japan were worth only 58.2 per cent of their 1981 value in the last financial year, a study from the Japanese Finance Ministry claims.

The ministry, working on its own import statistics for the year ending in March, says only oil-supplying Kuwait did worse, with 36.3 per cent.

The claim staggered British specialists. Mr David Morris, an economist with the London-based Anglo-Japanese Economic Institute, said yesterday: "We went back to inquire whether it was a printing error, but they said it was correct."

Japanese officials used US dollars for their comparison, and movements against the yen were thought partially responsible for declines by most countries.

But Department of Trade and Industry specialists simply could not believe Tokyo's claim.

Japan's valuation of annual British sales to the end of March, at \$1,578m bore no relation to reports from HM Customs.

Sales in the first three months of this year dipped to £172m, but the 1.7 per cent decline was nothing near enough to bring about the massive decline claimed by Japan.

It was left to Mr Ron Howe, head of the DOT's Exports to Japan Unit, to solve the mystery of the missing millions. "Japan's trade figures for the first three months of 1982 included purchases of \$357m worth of monetary gold," he said yesterday. "In the same period this year, they were worth \$93m."

"That one item declined by 74 per cent, sufficient to pull imports from the United Kingdom down 42 per cent (to 58 per cent of their 1981 value).

Tarmac in £9m deal to strengthen new policy

By Jonathan Clare

Tarmac is continuing its drive into the aggregates business in the south east of England with the acquisition of Charlton Sand and Ballast for £9.6m.

The company embarked on a policy of gradually strengthening its business in the south east three years ago with the acquisition of Francis Aggregates. Previously it had concentrated on the Midlands, North and Scotland.

Tarmac has also been increasing the emphasis on sand and gravel extraction rather than quarrying stone. It is expected to announce more aggregate acquisitions next week.

Aggregate businesses need to be close to big population centres where there is heavy demand for building materials to make them cost effective. Aggregates are a finite resource and prices of quarrying operations have risen sharply, especially in the south east.

The cost of Charlton is equivalent to its net asset value, which includes planning permission for further exploitation of its resources. The company is based at Shepperton, Middlesex.

Tarmac's quarry business saw a big upsurge last year, and it contributed almost 60 per cent of group profits. It turned in trading profits of £41.4m against £25.5m the year before.

Some of the improvement was the result of first-time contribution from Hoveringham and its associated aggregate businesses which Tarmac acquired.

The heavens open but sun shines on British hopes No ducking a challenge as Thompson dives in

From David Miller, Helsinki



The rain is running off my umbrella on to the desk, and thence in a gentle trickle into my shoe. The normal Finnish summer returned today after its unprecedented warmth of the past few weeks. But by the evening there was a glowing sunset of optimism for British interest, as the redoubtable Daley Thompson took a 120 points first-day lead over his West German adversary, Jurgen Hingsen, in the 10 labours of the decathlon.

The weather could hardly have been more discouraging for this superman trying to hide a nagging groin strain, and through the arduous nine hours of competition neither man was close to his world record - Thompson's memorably in Athens last year, Hingsen's two months ago in his national trials. Yet the turning point of another absorbing duel between these two remarkable athletes may well have been Hingsen's tactical error in the high jump.

The huge German did not attempt at 2.03 metres, failed at 2.06m on three attempts - his best jump is 2.18m and he cleared 2.15m in his recent record - so his clearance at 2.06m left him 25

points behind Thompson's 2.03m clearance. On his third failure at 2.06m Hingsen snatched irritably, with reason, at his track suit as the jury of 50,000 umbrellas peered at him with that knowing, impassive stare.

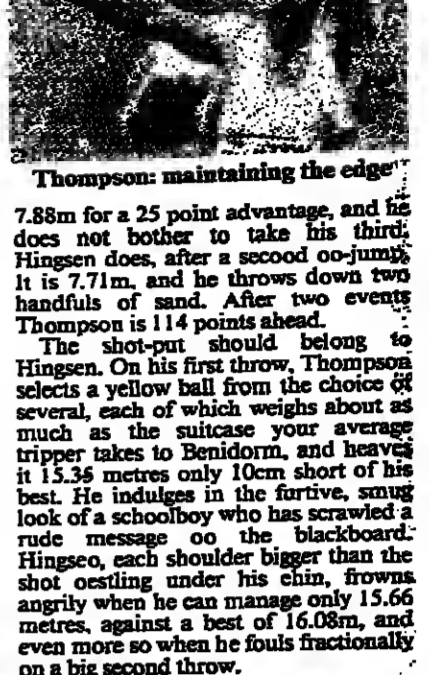
After the heatwave, we had woken to low, grey, dense skies, yet the stadium was almost full and the rain just starting as the decathlon men slotted into their blocks for the 100 metres, while breakfast was still being served in the pool hotels. The seeded fast men got down: Hingsen, jumpy, false-started. Doubts about Thompson's fitness, eased as he came down the red ribbon of track looking tense but full of that customary bounding power. A time of 10.60sec, three metres up, 20 metres down, 10.95sec.

Hingsen was only nine hundredths behind his best and Thompson must have been disappointed with 10.95sec, well down on his.

Over to the long jump pit, where both men excel. On his first attempt Thompson o-jumps, frowns, and walks back with a shrug which says "don't worry, I'm all right." Hingsen manages 7.75m, but Thompson's second, off a fine, rhythmic run, is

7.88m for a 25 point advantage, and he does not bother to take his third. Hingsen does, after a second o-jump, it is 7.71m, and he throws down two handfuls of sand. After two events Thompson is 114 points ahead.

The shot-put should belong to Hingsen. On his first throw, Thompson selects a yellow ball from the choice of several, each of which weighs about 4g heavier than the previous one. Thompson takes Benidorm, and leaves it 15.35 metres only 10cm short of his best. He indulges in the festive, smug look of a schoolboy who has scrawled a rude message on the blackboard. Hingsen, each shoulder bigger than the shot ostending under his chin, frowns angrily when he can manage only 15.66 metres, against a best of 16.08m, and even more so when he fouls fractionally on a big second throw.



Thompson: maintaining the edge

WALL STREET

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Cricket: the third Test match
Cook's spin turns theory on its head

Spinners twist the exposed tail of the champions

Flair and fluster for joint leaders

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent
LORDS: New Zealand, with four first-innings wickets in hand, are 150 runs behind England.



Cook's tour de force: his first wicket for England on his way to four for 28

By Peter Ball
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire (24 pts) beat Middlesex (5) by nine wickets.

Championship table
Table with columns: Team, P, W, L, D, F, Pts. Lists various cricket teams and their performance statistics.

Scorecard
ENGLAND: First Innings
Table listing batsmen, runs, and bowlers for England's first innings.

It was a comprehensive defeat for the championship leaders, whose batting has long been seen as a potential Achilles' heel. On this occasion, they were found wanting for the second time in the match.

They were not up to it as Cook rotated his three spinners skilfully, never allowing the batsmen to settle. Steele took the next wicket as Middlesex compounded their own problems by becoming totally overruled.

Dramatic finale as Warwick win with bye off last ball

By Alan Gibson
CHELTENHAM: Warwickshire (21 pts) beat Gloucestershire (7 pts) by four wickets.

Glorious victory for Hants

By Richard Streeton
EASTBOURNE: Hampshire (23 pts) beat Sussex (5) by three wickets.

Lynch the lynchpin

By Alan Ross
CANTERBURY: Surrey (21 pts) beat Kent (6) by five wickets.

From Lewins Mead, Dublin
When Severiano Ballesteros came in with a second successive 67 to start the week's Open...

He could not make up his mind what he was doing wrong, but was glad that his early starting time had left him with a long day in which to get things right.

Though Graham Marsh took three putts in the last, the way in which he played the hole made the leader board worthy of note.

Mike Brearley, who was busily having another net at Lord's yesterday facing Don Wilson, the head coach, and the MCC ground staff...

Essex miss chance to close gap

Essex, although ultimately saving the match against Leicestershire easily enough yesterday at Chelmsford, nonetheless missed out on a chance to close the gap on the county championship leaders Middlesex, themselves heavily defeated.

Worcestershire v Lancs

WORCESTER: Worcestershire (21 pts) beat Lancashire (6) by five wickets.

WEEKEND FIXTURES

Table listing weekend cricket fixtures including Today, Tomorrow, and Football matches.

Mrs Walls on line

Chris Wessier and Jean Valls of Raynes Park, Surrey, the holders of the Paris Title, reached the semi-final round in the English women's championship sponsored by Lombard.

THE CRICKETER CUP FINAL

Ellis holds key to cup
By Ivo Tennant
The outcome of the Cricketer Cup final, to be played at Burton, County, Cheshire, tomorrow could well depend upon whether Richard Ellis, the Middlesex batsman, is available to play for Haileybury.

Worcestershire v Lancs

WORCESTER: Worcestershire were finally given something to celebrate when an unbeaten 72 from captain Alan Oram helped them to a five-wicket win over Lancashire.

Village airlift to Troon

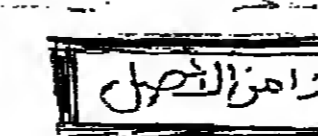
By Michael Berry
Langleybury, the Hertfordshire village side who are one game away from an appearance at Lord's, base their hopes on a wing and prayer in tomorrow's Whitbread Village Trophy semi-final at Troon in Cornwall.

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RACING: ENGLISH RAIDERS CHASE THE FRANCES AT DEAUVILLE

Cecil-Piggott double act steals the show

Henry Cecil and Lester Piggott were on a crest at Newbury yesterday when they joined forces to win both the Honoria and the Washington Singer Stakes...

Khairpour can put youngsters to rout

YAWA and Castle Rising, two likely contenders for this year's St Leger, will meet for the second time this season in the Geoffrey Freer Stakes at Newbury today...

Crystal Glitters to outshine British

The French have an excellent chance of repelling in the Crystal Glitters to outshine British...

Fiscal fisticuffs add to the heat

Signs all over this newly rechristened \$185m, garishly decorated, winking, blinking, noisy place of pleasure and aviaric proclama...

Newbury

Draw advantage: none. Total: double 3.0 & 4.0. Treble 2.30, 3.30 & 4.30 races. Television (BBC1) 2.0 and 2.30 races.

Results from Newbury

2.0 ST HUGH'S STAKES (2-y-o; 1 mile; 25,087; 5f) (3 runners) 101 114409 AMERICAN... 102 1 1 BE MY VALENTINE...

O'Brien colts in switch

To a surprise change of plan Vincent O'Brien has revised his York targets for his two fine colts, Caerleon and Solford...

Victory '83 limps in

Newport, Rhode Island (AP) - Victory '83 and Australia II chafed on wins on the opening day of the America's Cup...

3.0 ASSOCIATED TYRE SPECIALISTS HANDICAP (3-y-o; 55,535; 1m 4f) (10)

301 10-202 SAILOR'S DANCE... 302 491222 GAY LEVINE...

3.0 STRATTON HANDICAP (3-y-o; 22,784; 7f) (12)

402 31-2410 MISS THAMES... 403 212763 TETONBY BAY...

Ripon

Draw advantage: Low numbers best. Television (ITV): 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45 races.

EQUESTRIANISM

Final try at Locko. Giny Strawson, the champion young rider of Europe, is still recovering from a fall she suffered a fortnight ago...

IN BRIEF

Errors hit Canada. Edmonton, Canada (AP) - British golfers took advantage of Marjorie Stret's putting problems and Mary Ann Duff's ball striking...

4.0 YATTONIAN STAKES (2-y-o maidens; 22,876; 7f) (18)

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3.15 WOLVERHAMPTON

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FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL. AMERICAN LEAGUE, New York Yankees 6, Detroit Tigers 5 (10 innings). NATIONAL LEAGUE, Atlanta Braves 6, San Francisco Giants 4 (10 innings).

Bangor-on-Dee

2.15 ABERGELLY HURDLE (Stalling) HURDLE (Novices; 2528; 2m 6f) (14 runners)

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2.15 BERKELEY, LOCKWOOD & REES HURDLE (Stalling) HURDLE (Novices; 2528; 2m 6f) (14 runners)

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2.30 STAMFORD HURDLE (4-y-o selling; 2514; 2m) (10 runners)

FOOTBALL

BURNLEY, Northampton, Doncaster, Darlington, Exeter, Gillingham, Grimsby, Hartlepool, Hereford, Ipswich, Luton, Millwall, Middlesbrough, Notts County, Oldham, Peterborough, Reading, Shrewsbury, Southend, Stockport, Swindon, Torquay, Walsley, Walsingham, Weymouth, York City.

MOTOR RACING: PREVIEWING TOMORROW'S AUSTRIAN GRAND PRIX

Circuit that is a boost for turbos

By John Blunsden

Unless there is a repeat of last year, when the turbocharged cars failed through mechanical fragility or driver misfortune, tomorrow's Austrian Grand Prix is sure to be dominated by turbo teams.

The long, fast curves of the Österreichring and substantial straights, which include a steep climb from the starting line, are even better suited to the turbo than the Hockenheimring, on which they were in a class of their own last weekend.

Regardless of the qualifying, when the make-up of the starting grid comes as much to the decision of team managers on how far the turbo boost should be turned up for that all-important flying lap as it does to a team's race prospects, the final issue is likely to involve Ferrari, Renault and Brabham-BMW.

Ferrari have their tails up, with two victories by Arnoux in the last three races and high reliability, despite Tambay's ignition trouble last weekend. And Renault will be keen to prove that their engine problems - from which Jean-Pierre Jabouille suffered - were but a passing incident and that Prost's nine-point lead in the world championship can be protected and even extended.

For Parmalat Brabham, too, last weekend was depressing. Piquet's likely second place was taken from him in the closing laps because of a leaking fuel

valve, causing his car to burst into flames. Last year Brabham's engine was a clear pace-setter in Austria until turbo trouble should respond equally well to the circuit's demands.

Given badly needed reliability, Lotus could repeat their surprise 1982 victory. They have the power to do it and, as Nigel Mansell proved during his drive through the field at Silverstone last month, have a highly competitive chassis.

The other main contender tomorrow could be Alfa Romeo. They have had abundant power all season but until recently lacked reliability and consistency. They led convincingly in Belgium, on a circuit similar to the Österreichring, and last weekend they found stamina, which enabled De Cesaris to claim a worthy second place.

The superiority of the turbos was, if anything, greater than in practice for last week's West



Arnoux: thumbs up for the team with their tails up

German Grand Prix. Behind Cheever, who was fifth in a Renault Turbo, came seven more turbos - two Brabhams, two Alfa Romeos, two Tolmans and an ATS BMW - before the day's best non-turbo, a McLaren driven by Niki Lauda, of Austria.

Practice times: 1. Arnoux (Ferrari) 1:28.21; 2. Prost (Renault) 1:28.41; 3. Piquet (Brabham) 1:28.52; 4. Mansell (Lotus) 1:29.03; 5. De Cesaris (Alfa) 1:29.14; 6. Lauda (McLaren) 1:29.25; 7. Cheever (Renault) 1:29.36; 8. Tambay (Ferrari) 1:29.47; 9. Suter (Tolman) 1:29.58; 10. Williams (Williams) 1:30.09; 11. P. Jones (Williams) 1:30.20; 12. Watson (Williams) 1:30.31; 13. Hill (Williams) 1:30.42; 14. Barrichello (Williams) 1:30.53; 15. Brackley (Williams) 1:31.04; 16. Burtis (Williams) 1:31.15; 17. Boutsis (Williams) 1:31.26; 18. D. Warwick (Tolman) 1:31.37; 19. T. Suter (Tolman) 1:31.48; 20. M. Donohue (Tolman) 1:31.59; 21. M. Bleekers (Tolman) 1:32.10; 22. M. Winkelhock (Tolman) 1:32.21; 23. M. Winkelhock (Tolman) 1:32.32; 24. M. Winkelhock (Tolman) 1:32.43; 25. M. Winkelhock (Tolman) 1:32.54; 26. M. Winkelhock (Tolman) 1:33.05; 27. M. Winkelhock (Tolman) 1:33.16; 28. M. Winkelhock (Tolman) 1:33.27; 29. M. Winkelhock (Tolman) 1:33.38; 30. M. Winkelhock (Tolman) 1:33.49.

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Maoris' first tour

The New Zealand Maoris will make history when they make their first visit to England in October for a tour organized by the British Amateur Rugby League Association. Maori players have been successful in past New Zealand tours playing in international tournaments at professional level, but this will be the first tour by a party chosen totally from Maori players.

The 21-man party will include 11 full internationals and six of the players who were in the New Zealand team which beat the world Rugby League champions, Australia, last month in Brisbane, one of the most surprising results of the past.

The standard of the touring party will be so high that Britain's amateurs will do well to compete effectively against them. Barrow, Cumberland, York and Oldham Amateur Leagues, and the finale will be an international game against Great Britain at the Boulevard, Hull.

Many of the players have already played for English professional clubs: Dean Bell and Ian Bell for Carlisle and Ron O'Regan for Barrow. The full back, Nick Wright, and Dean Bell who plays in the centre, Maori players have been successful in past New Zealand tours playing in international tournaments at professional level, but this will be the first tour by a party chosen totally from Maori players.

Kent Invicta, the Maidstone-based club, begin their second division life on August 21 with a home game against Cardiff City, who have an open day at Maidstone United football ground next Monday. Most of Kent Invicta's first team squad will be in a public training session, using Australian tackle shields. An official from the Rugby League will be present.

TENNIS

Miss Durie through

Jo Durie reached the last eight of the Virginia Slims tournament in Manhattan Beach, California, with a 7-5, 6-4 win over Anne White, of the United States, in a meeting with Chris Lloyd. Mrs Lloyd beat her fellow American, JoAnne Russell, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2.

Mrs Lloyd's conqueror at this year's Wimbledon, Kathy Jordan, found Martina Navratilova, the Wimbledon champion, a different proposition, losing 6-1, 6-0 in 46 minutes. Mrs Navratilova, whose next opponent is Wendy White, conceded only five points in the second set.

Miss White unexpectedly beat the No. 5 seed, Wendy Turnbull, of Australia, 6-4, 6-2. Miss Turnbull appeared to be on her way to victory after winning the second set tie-break 7-0. But Miss White forced her opponent to another tie-break in the third set, winning it 8-6. The match lasted two hours 18 minutes.

There was another surprise when Alicia Moulton, of the United States, beat the seventh seeded Romanian, Virginia Ruzicki, 6-3, 7-6. Miss Moulton plays Pam Shriver in the quarter-finals, and Elise Burgin, the 7-6, 6-2 winner over Camille Benjamin, meets Kate Latham.

There has to be a logical reason for this curious state of affairs, in which our prize stock is never seriously tested against itself. We all know that there is now money to be earned in athletics, but mere cash for running cannot be the whole story. Take Golden Fleece.

Golden Fleece won the Derby in 1982 and there then, at the tender age of three, his racing career ended. Never again did he risk getting beaten. Were his connections simply content with the prize money they had collected from the Derby? Reader, they were not. Prize money is but loose change compared to the money that can be earned once a racing career is over.

Why then should our leading athletes risk running against each other, when there is so much hope for the future at stake? For cash earned by running must be a mere pleasant bonus to collect along the way when you consider the earnings potential of our brave boys when their running days are over. Just think what they would be able to earn at stud.

Simon Barnes

Law Report August 13 1983

Wrong test applied to infested dates

Regina v Archer, Ex parte Rawson Lane & Ballard Ltd. Before Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Oliver and Lord Justice Watkins. [Judgment delivered July 29]. In considering whether a particularly impure food was unwholesome for the purposes of making a destruction order, a magistrate should consider whether the food was unwholesome in the context of the specific use intended. The Court of Appeal so stated giving its reasons for allowing an appeal by the applicant for judicial review of a decision of a Southampton Justice that 46,474 kg of dates were unwholesome and of his order for their destruction.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that there were two issues. The first was whether there was power to order the destruction of materials which were "unwholesome" as opposed to being "unfit for human consumption". The second was whether in the circumstances, the magistrate had asked himself the right question. In considering the relevant legislation, namely the Food and Drugs Act 1956 and the Improved Food Regulations 1968 No 47, made under it, the magistrate had jurisdiction to make the destruction order.

Tax liability in damages

Shove v Downs Surgical. Before Mr Justice Sheen. [Judgment delivered July 29]. In awarding damages for wrongful dismissal the plaintiff's future liability to pay tax was not to be regarded as too remote when assessing the sum to be awarded to compensate the plaintiff for his loss. Mr Justice Sheen so held in the Queen's Bench Division in awarding the plaintiff, Norman Granville Shove, damages of £84,030 for wrongful dismissal by his employers, Downs Surgical. Mr Philip Naughton for the plaintiff; Miss Ganeva Caws for the company. MR JUSTICE SHEEN said that the damages to which the plaintiff was entitled would be taxable in his hands. If in assessing the plaintiff's actual loss his liability to pay taxes was something that he did not regard as too remote, then by parity of reasoning his liability to pay tax should not be regarded as too remote when assessing the sum of money which it was necessary to award the plaintiff to compensate him for his loss. That was the view of Lord Reid in Taylor v O'Connor (1917) AC

FUNERALS

MCCANNON, Funeral Director for the late Mrs. Jane Patricia McCannon, 1933, at St. Andrew's Church, 1933, at 11.00 AM. Burial in the cemetery of St. Andrew's Church, 1933, at 11.00 AM. Burial in the cemetery of St. Andrew's Church, 1933, at 11.00 AM.

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IN MEMORIAM

BENTLEY, W. G., died August 13, 1983, at his home, 103, Gloucester Lane, London W11 4DH. He was 78 years old. He was a member of the British Glaucoma Foundation. He was a member of the British Glaucoma Foundation.

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Saturday

Television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter Davalle

Sunday

- BBC 1
6.25 Open University (until 8.55)
6.55 Phishing for Pharoahs: Leo...

- TV-am
6.25 Good Morning Britain: with...



Helsinki commentators: From left, Adrian Metcalfe, Ron Clarke, Ron Hill and Alan Pearce (TV, World of Sport)

- BBC 2
6.25 Open University (until 8.55)
6.35 Film: Bang! You're Dead...

- BBC 1
6.25 Open University (until 8.55)
6.55 Phishing for Pharoahs: Leo...

- TV-am
7.15 Rub-a-Dub-Tub: for the...



Leslie Ash and Philip Bretherton in Maggie Brooke's The Balance of Nature (TV, 10.00pm)

- BBC 2
6.25 Open University (until 1.00)
6.55 Film: The Yearling (1945)...

- Radio 4
6.25 Shipping Forecast: 6.30 News...

- Radio 3
7.55 Weather: 8.00 News...

- TONIGHT'S PROM
7.30 Schubert: Symphony No 6 in B flat minor...

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7.55 Weather: 8.00 News...

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7.30 Bach: St John Passion, Part...

- SC4 Starts 2.25 Usher Landscapes...

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CHANNEL As London except...

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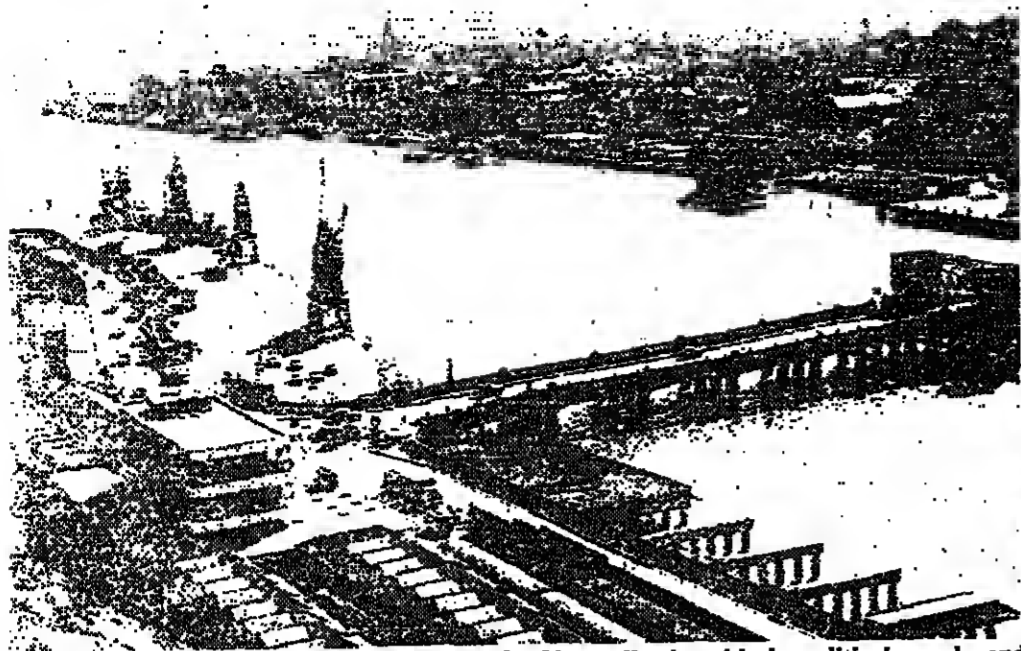
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Waterford v Cork and the fear of Sodom v Gomorrah



Unbridgeable gap: Waterford, the Cinderella city with the political muscle, and Cork (right) with faith in its facilities, but where alarm bells are ringing.

Clash of two cities as oil fever grips Ireland

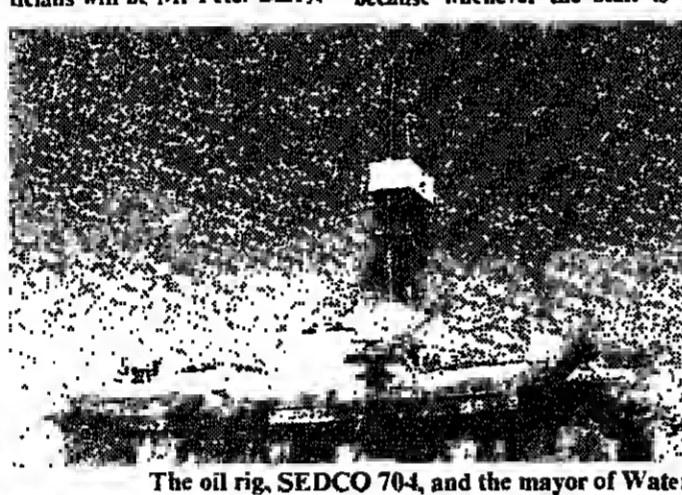
From Tim Jones
Cork
A tale of two cities threatens to erupt into the Irish political arena as oil fever grows uncontrollably in the republic. The battle revolves around SEDCO 704, the oil rig which arrived off the Waterford coast last April. It costs £130 a second to operate and stands in 250ft of water far over the horizon.

When local councils meet next month after the summer recess. For a "great Irish oil boom" has become a war between two cities determined to follow in the footsteps of Aberdeen. Although not a drop of oil will come ashore for at least four years, Cork and Waterford have begun mobilizing political and commercial interests to ensure that it comes to them.

president of the local chamber of commerce, said that it was considering appointing a professional manager to coordinate the city's claims. The mayor of Waterford, Mr Richard Jones, said: "The town has been nothing but factory run-downs for years and young unemployed people find it hard to believe there is a future for them."

found the black ladies of the night tend to follow. We must be on our guard to ensure that does not happen. "England seems to be dissipating its oil wealth on sustaining unemployment, whereas we would be fighting for it to be used to create new jobs and to improve services."

plagued by controversy and legislation forcing oil companies to take 35 per cent of products is being contested in the European Court. Waterford politicians, who find it difficult to counter the argument that it would be lunacy not to land oil at Whitegate say that the oil could be brought ashore on their coastline and then transported to the refinery.



The oil rig, SEDCO 704, and the mayor of Waterford, Richard Jones.

Letter from Ndjamena

Show of style despite menace of war

As countries go, Chad claims to fame that hold no joy. It vies, for instance, with Bhutan for the title of the world's poorest country. It challenges Eritrea, almost as the theatre for Africa's longest-running chronicled battle and war. Somehow it survives, and with style. "I am sorry, Sir," the waiter might say at a new restaurant. "The Beaujolais is finished, but there is Côte du Rhône." There's ice cream, too, imported from France, and French cheese and fillet steak.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events
Royal Engagement
Prince and Princess Michael of Kent attend Mayfield Horse Trials, Clifton Farm, Mayfield, Sussex.

Roads
London and South-east M4: Only one lane Londonbound between junctions 4 and 5 (Langley). A40(M): Lanes closed each way between Marylebone and White City, A33: One carriageway shared at Chaddlers Ford, Hampshire tomorrow.

Gardens open
TOMORROW, Aberdeenshire: Pitmedden Garden, Pitmedden; formal gardens, 4 parties, herbaceous, produce for sale. 10-6. Cambridgeshire: Berry Close Studio, Great Gransden, Cambridge; between Great Gransden and Little Gransden on B1046; 3 acres, all year round garden; 10-6. Hampshire: Braishfield Manor, 3 1/2 N of Romsey off A31 between Longfield and Rantsey; 4 acres, shrubs, roses, trees, planted since 1967; vineyard; 2-6. Kent: Withersdale Gardens, Wye, near Ashford; 1 1/2 acres; 3 acres, several small gardens, flower borders, alpines, trees, herbs, collection of shrubs suitable for chalk; 2 to 5.30. Kircubrightshire: Thrave School of Gardening, Castle Douglas; woodland garden, rock garden, greenhouses; plants for sale; 10 to 6. Middlesex: Fairhead Village Gardens, cottage gardens in great variety; craft and plant stall; 2 to 5.30. Nottinghamshire: Flintham Hall, 6 1/2 S of Newark on A46; walled garden, old roses, shrubs, trees; 10 to 6. Oxfordshire: Colegrave Seeds Ltd, Milton Road, West Adderbury, 3 1/2 S of Banbury off A423 Banbury-Dorset road; 2 1/2 acres flower seed trial grounds; new varieties under trial. Fluorescent Award entries and winners 2 to 5.30. Ross and Cromarty: Inverewe, Poolweir; herbaceous borders, many fine plants; 9 to dusk.

Weather forecast
A ridge of high pressure will persist over Britain
6am to midnight
London, Central S, SW England, Central N England, Midlands, Channel Islands, S Wales; dry, sunny periods; wind NW, light; max 22C (72F).

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,207
Across: 1 Crossword prize includes tin version of Plato's island (8). 2 Part of car is said to give it a bit of a knock (6). 3 Two little dogs of war? (3-3). 4 Would such punishment cause stripes or their loss? (8). 5 Shakespeare's hero won through by correcting itself (8). 6 Issuing invitation from the throne? (6). 7 Bird appears to be chicken (5). 8 They were booked by the White King (9). 9 Characteristic quality of a triumphal opening, Caesar's due (10). 10 Harold's mistress, writer George contended (5). 11 Gypsy historian carried by rail (10). 12 Make the best of work one put in revising this paper (8). 13 Canterbury pilgrim finished in the embrace of Henry's fish-wife (8). 14 Herein the rent the envious Cassio made (6). 15 Successor to Methuselah, or La Pompadour (6). 16 Instruction to girl to operate a hauling machine? (8).

Anniversaries
Births: James Gillray, caricaturist, Chelsea, 1756; Sir George Grove, engineer and editor of Dictionary of Music and Musicians, London, 1896; Florence Nightingale, nurse, London, 1820; the English and allies under Marlborough defeated the French and Bavarians at Blenheim, 1704.
Deaths: Richard von Krafft-Ebing, Mannheim, Germany, 1840; John Galsworthy, Kington Hill, Surrey, 1867; Deaths: Richard Jefferies, garden writer, Sussex, 1887; Alfred Hartnwright, 1st Viscount Northcliffe, Proprietor of The Times, 1908-22.
Victoria Line trains
No Victoria Line trains will run between Brixton and Victoria tomorrow because of engineering work at Brixton. A substitute bus service will link all the stations on this section. Journeys will take up to 25 minutes longer.
Passengers travelling between the West End and stations at the southern end of the Northern Line should, where possible, use the Charing Cross branch of the Northern Line, changing at Kennington.

The pound
Australia \$ 1.76 1.68
Canada \$ 70.45 72.90
Belgium Fr 35.50 35.50
France Fr 1.89 1.81
Denmark Kr 15.05 14.35
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France Fr 12.53 12.53
Germany DM 4.19 4.39
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Ireland Pt 1.32 1.26
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USA \$ 1.37 1.37
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Aberdeen 11:22 12:07 12:52
Belfast 1:25 2:10 2:55
Dunfermline 10:17 11:02 11:47
Dover 2:59 3:44 4:29
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